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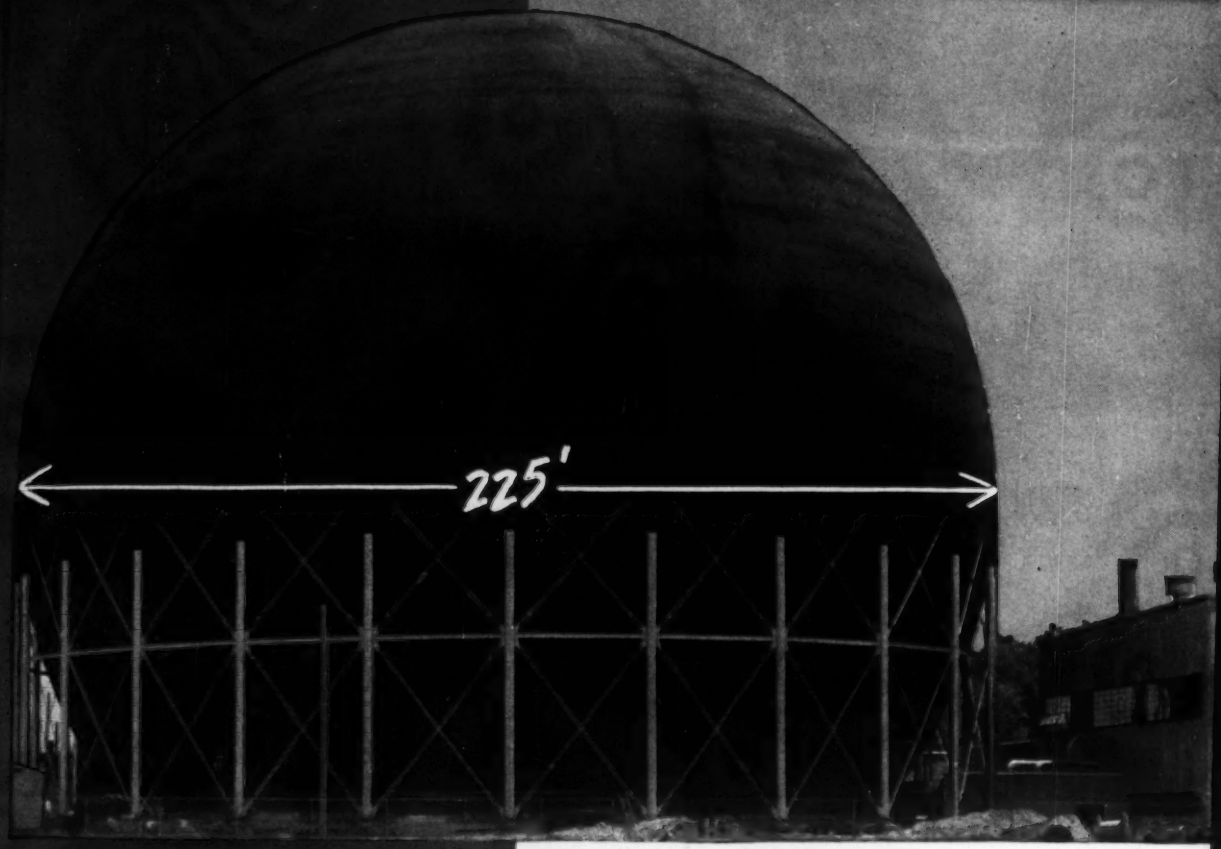


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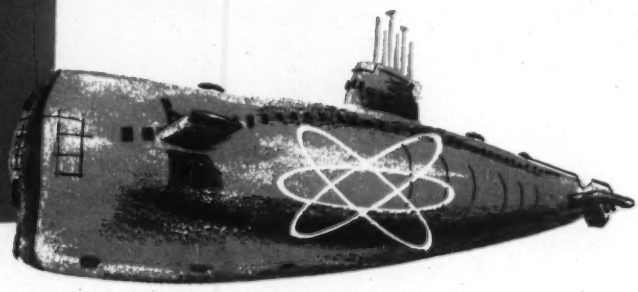

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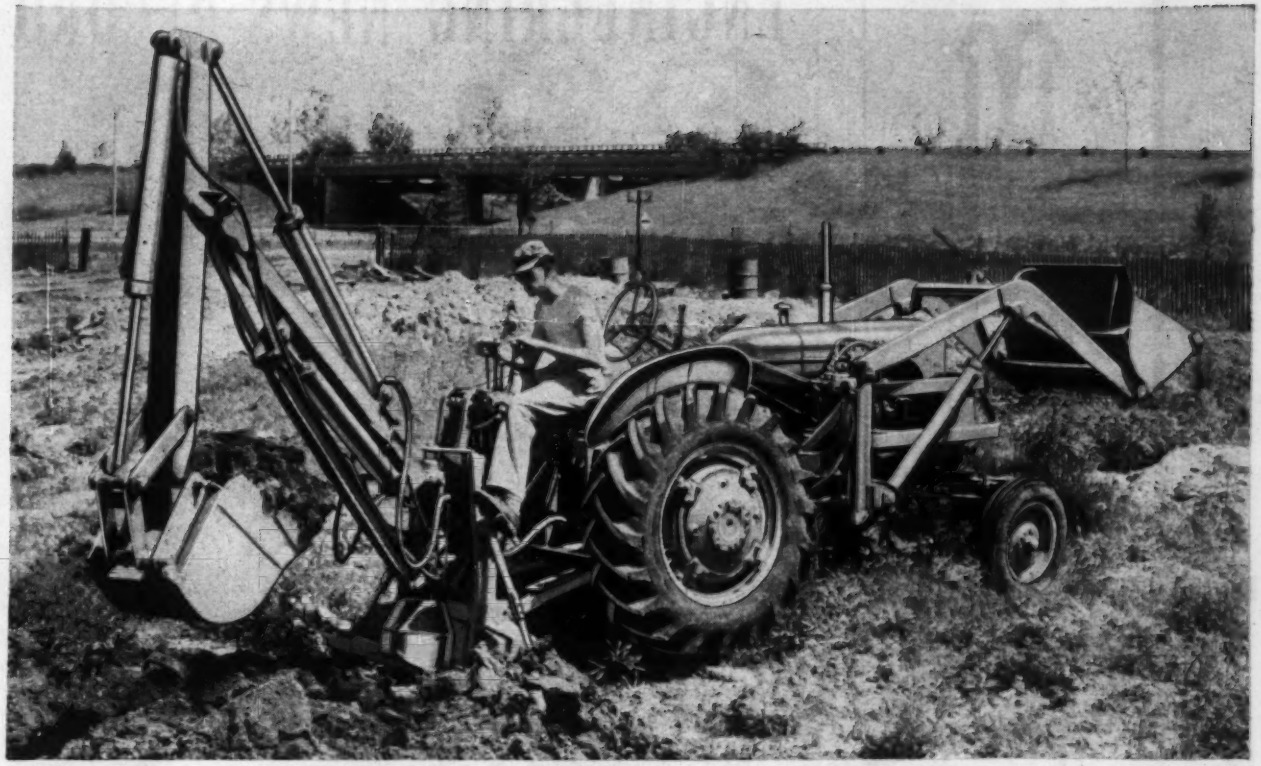

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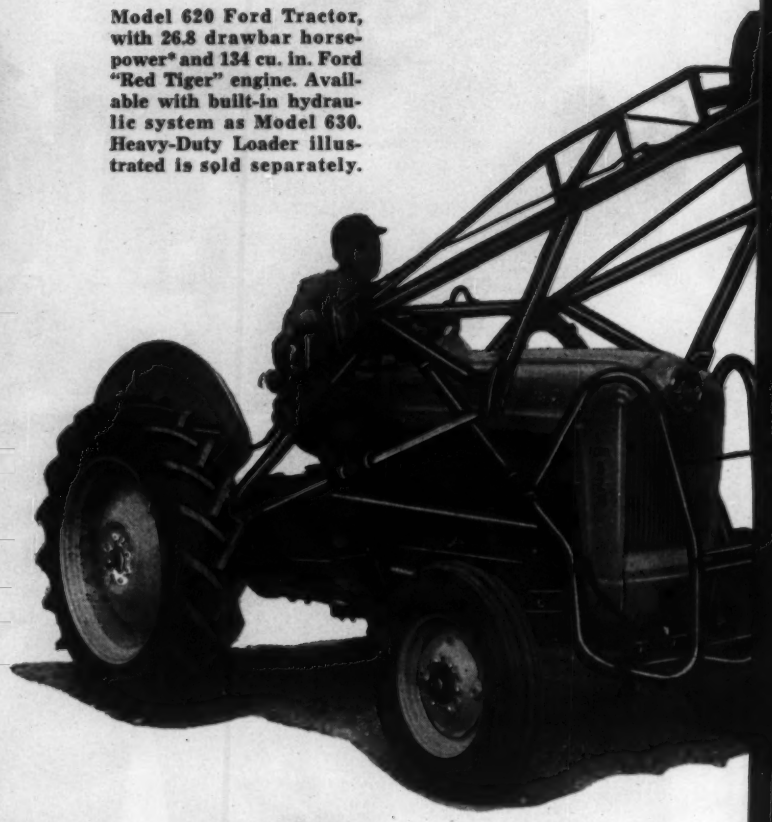

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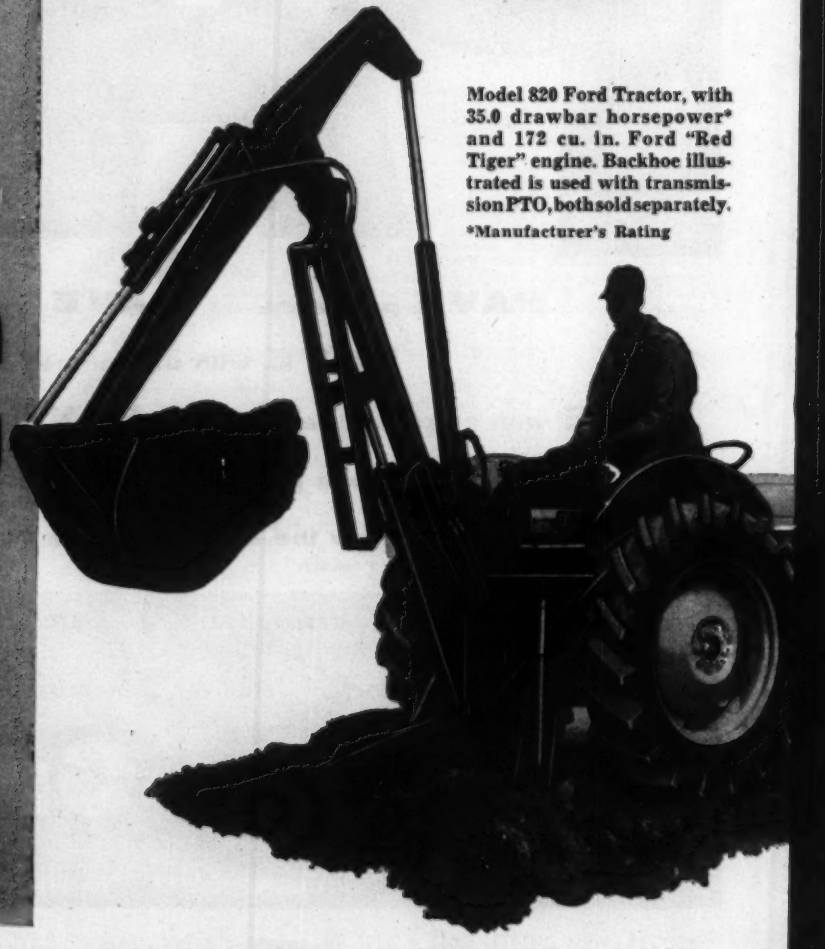

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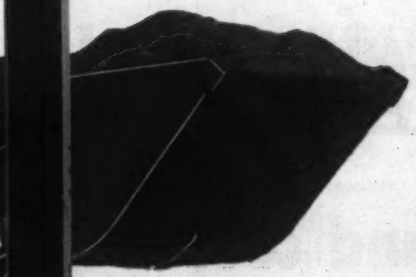

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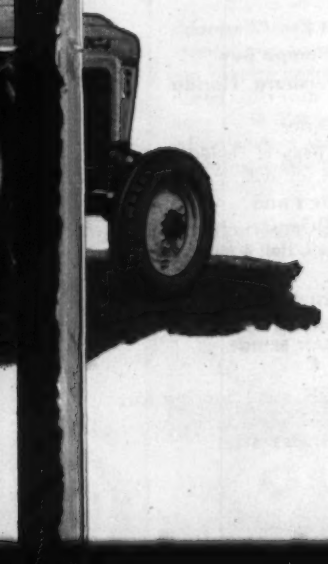
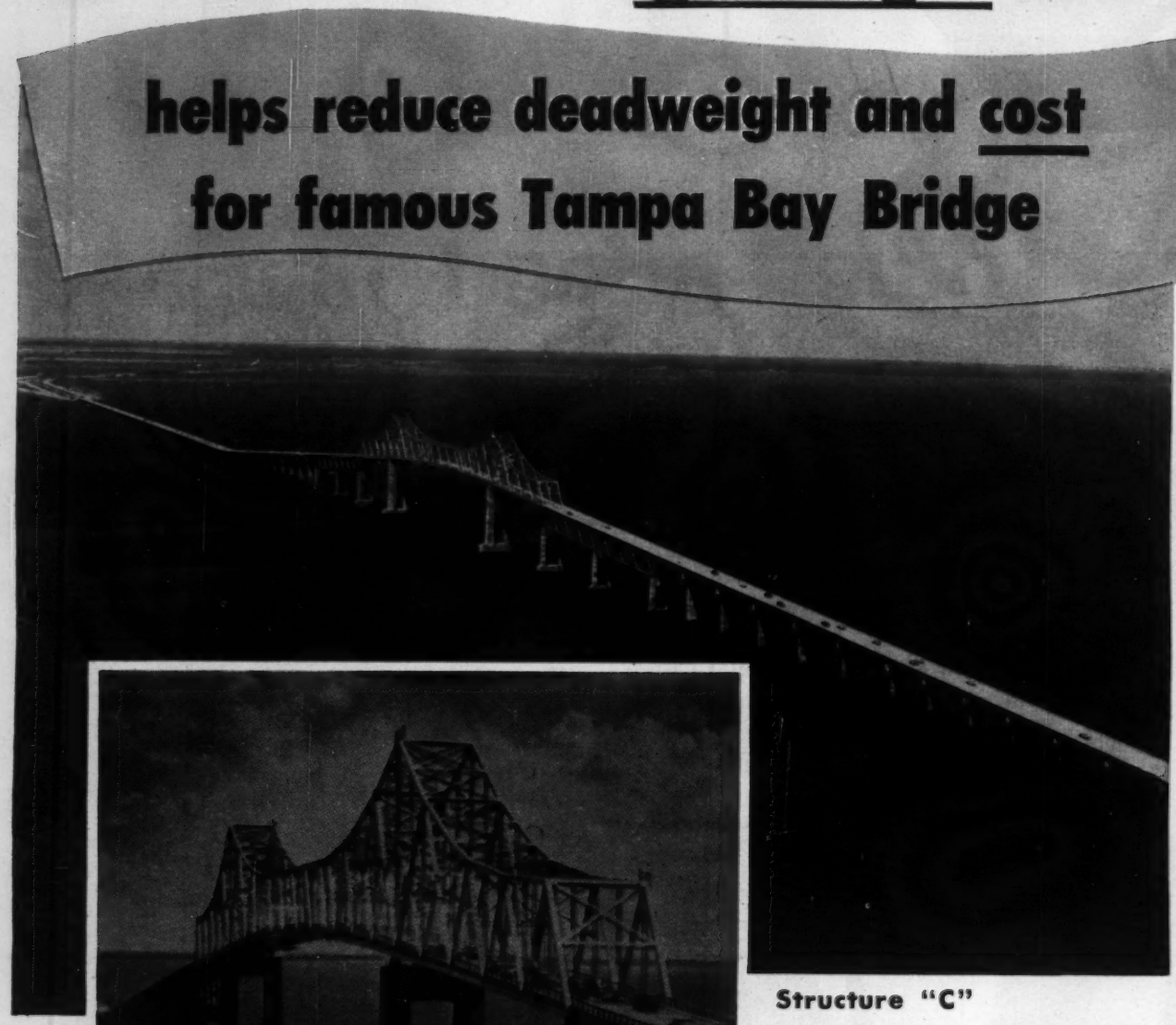
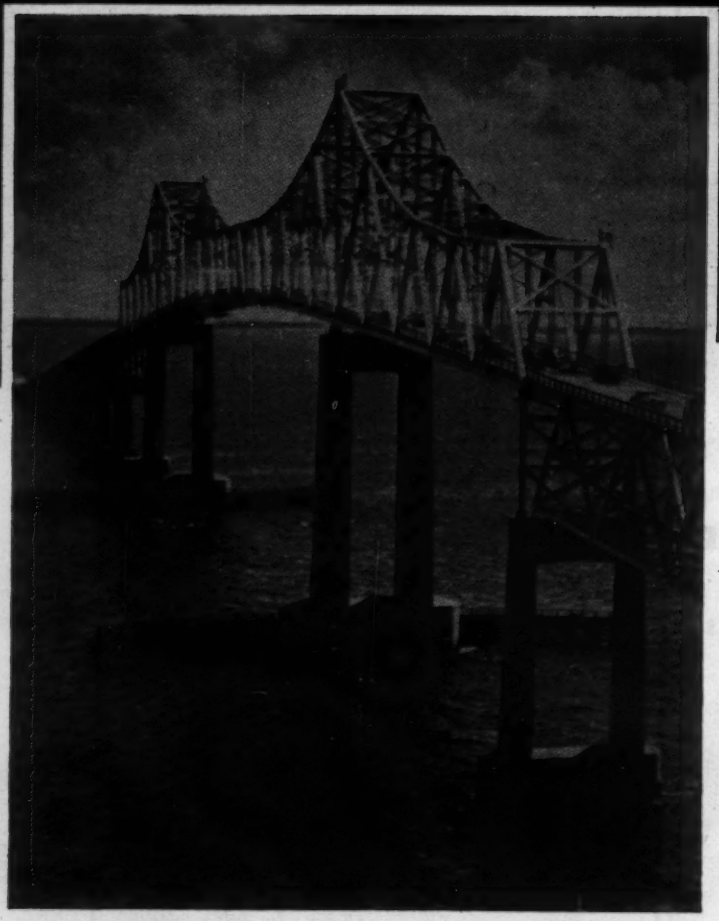


# OPEN TYPE lightweight steel

## helps reduce deadweight and cost for famous Tampa Bay Bridge





**Structure "C"**

*Sunshine Skyway*

**over Mullet Key Channel,**
**Lower Tampa Bay**
**near St. Petersburg, Florida**

Owner:
**State Road Dept. of Florida**

Design and
Supervision of Construction by:
**Parsons, Brinckerhoff, Hall & Macdonald.**

Superstructure for:
**5,621' bridge fabricated and erected by**
**AMERICAN BRIDGE**

USS I-BEAM-LOK steel flooring for:
**864' Main Span fabricated by**
**UNITED STATES STEEL**

# flooring on high main span

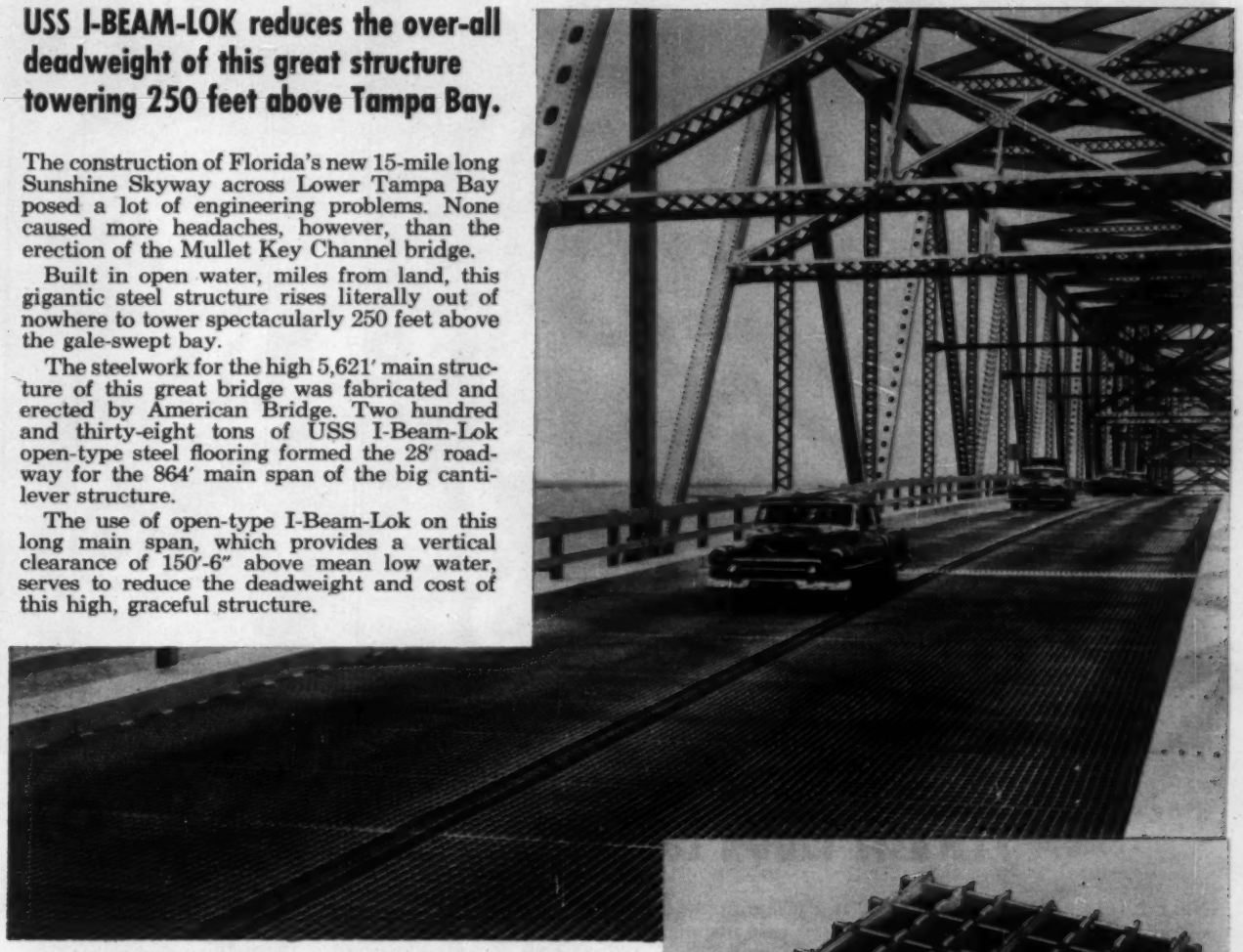
## USS I-BEAM-LOK reduces the over-all deadweight of this great structure towering 250 feet above Tampa Bay.

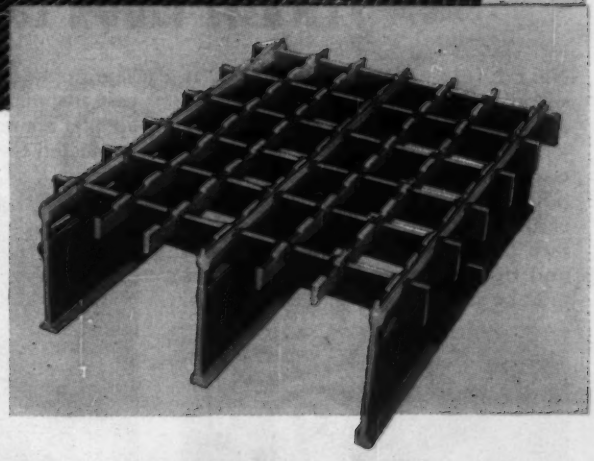
The construction of Florida's new 15-mile long Sunshine Skyway across Lower Tampa Bay posed a lot of engineering problems. None caused more headaches, however, than the erection of the Mullet Key Channel bridge.

Built in open water, miles from land, this gigantic steel structure rises literally out of nowhere to tower spectacularly 250 feet above the gale-swept bay.

The steelwork for the high 5,621′ main structure of this great bridge was fabricated and erected by American Bridge. Two hundred and thirty-eight tons of USS I-Beam-Lok open-type steel flooring formed the 28′ roadway for the 864′ main span of the big cantilever structure.

The use of open-type I-Beam-Lok on this long main span, which provides a vertical clearance of 150′-6″ above mean low water, serves to reduce the deadweight and cost of this high, graceful structure.





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# USS I-BEAM-LOK

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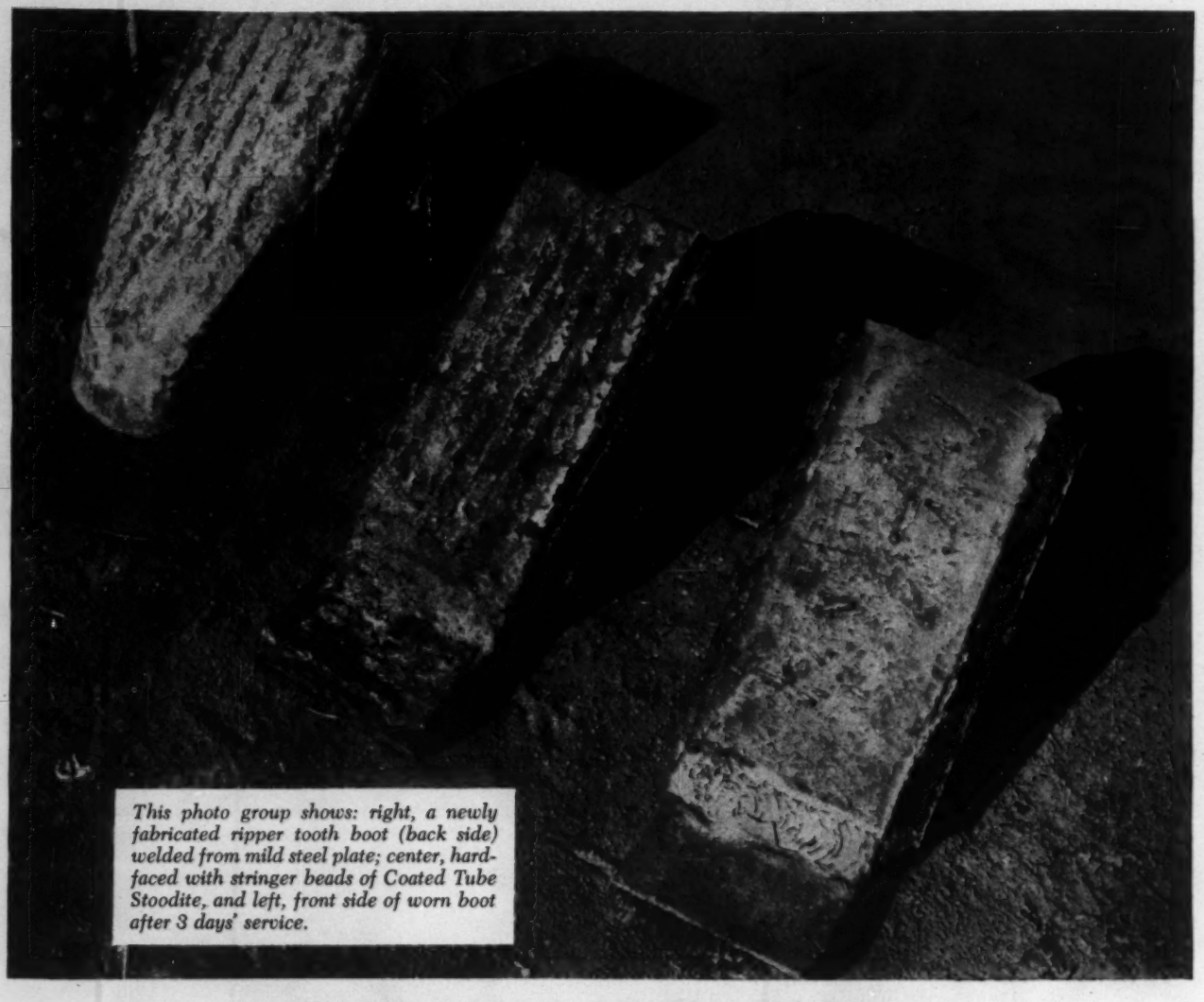
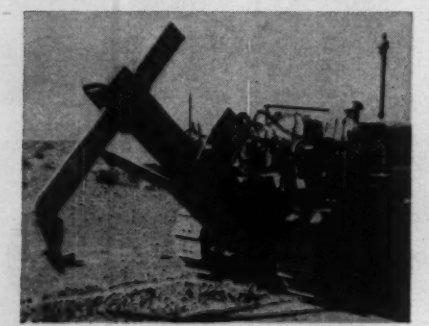


*This photo group shows: right, a newly fabricated ripper tooth boot (back side) welded from mild steel plate; center, hard-faced with stringer beads of Coated Tube Stoodite, and left, front side of worn boot after 3 days' service.*

# HARD-FACED RIPPER TOOTH

## Lasts 1200% Longer on Desert Duty!

Near Ludlow, California, PG&E is spanning the vast Mojave Desert with a gas pipeline. To ease the trenching job a gigantic ripper is towed by a D7 tractor ahead of the ditcher. Its purpose is to break up the hard-packed earth and locate the frequent sub-surface lava flows. This lava is so hard and tightly bonded that explosives must be used to break up the formation.



*Depth at which ripper operates is evident by length of standard.*

The ripper on this job is designed for easy maintenance; boot type point and adapter are replaceable. The points are fabricated from mild steel plate in the

*Close-up shows point attached to tooth adapter. Entire tooth is hard-faced with Coated Tube Stoodite.*

division headquarters maintenance shop of the pipeline company handling the job, Engineers Limited Pipeline Co., Bakersfield, California. All four sides are hard-faced with Coated Tube Stoodite before being placed in service.

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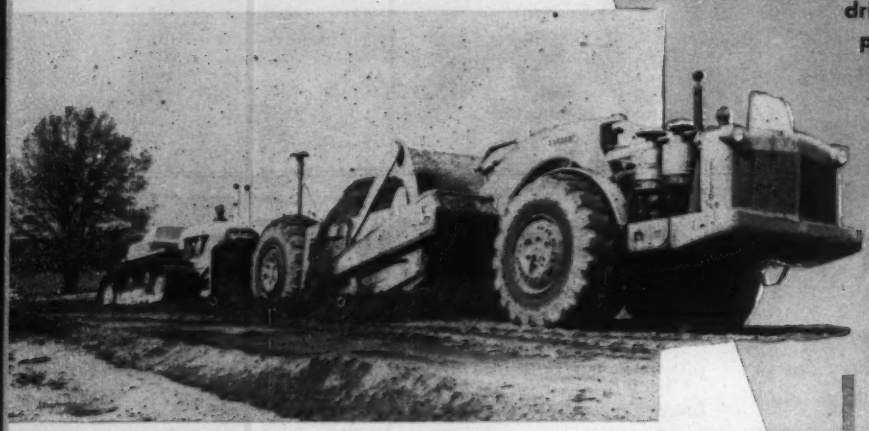
## *Euclid Twin-Power Provides Unequalled*

## WORKABILITY

**Twin-Power—the use of two engines driving separate axles—was pioneered in the earth moving field by Euclid nearly 10 years ago. It provides larger capacity with power equal to or greater than single engine equipment . . . uses power and drive components that have proved their performance in other equipment on hundreds of jobs. Torque converters and semi-automatic transmissions assure easy operation and a smooth flow of power to meet all job conditions.**



This TS-18 is one of Euclid's newest scraper models. It has a struck capacity of 18 cu. yds. . . . standard power is two 194 h.p. diesels with Torqmatic Drives. Western Contracting is using 10 of these "Euc" scrapers on the Indiana Turnpike.

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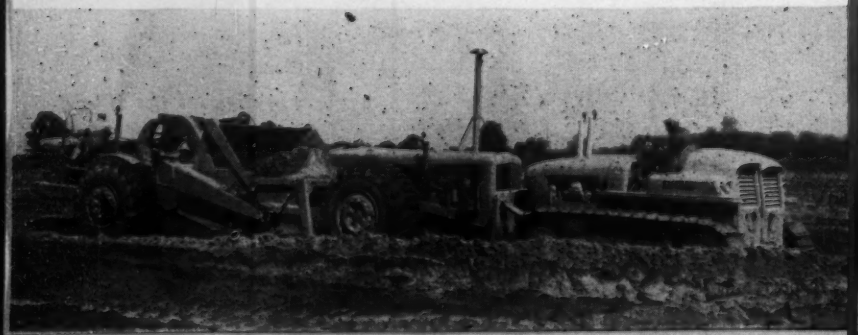
***See Euclids complete line at General Motors POWERAMA - The World's Fair of Power - Soldier Field Chicago, Illinois, August 31 through September 25.***

There's twin power in these 50-ton Rear-Dumps too! Six of these big units, first used by Western on Ft. Randall Dam, are working under an 8 yd. dragline. With a total of 600 h.p. this "Euc" has plenty of power and traction to move capacity loads through loose sand and tough hauls.



"Performance far above expectations" is the way personnel on Western's job describe the overhung engine Twin-Power Scraper push loaded by the new Euclid Twin Crawler.

# WESTERN CONTRACTING'S

## 7 million yard Indiana Turnpike job!

Western Contracting Corporation is grading 27 miles of the new Indiana Turnpike east of Elkhart. About 7 million yards must be moved by November, 1956—work is currently on a two 10-hour shift basis six days a week. It's a big job—one that demands dependable equipment that can move big loads fast . . the kind of job where Euclid Twin-Power performance really pays off.

On one section of their contract Western is using five TS-18 Euclid overhung Twin-Power Scrapers and 2 "Euc" TC-12 Twin Crawler tractors. Working in sand, the "Euc Twins" pick up loads of 15 bank yards or more and make round trips of a mile every 5 minutes, each averaging 180 bank yards production per hour. They travel at speeds up to 30 m.p.h. with full payloads and make the return trip over good haul roads with a top speed of 35 m.p.h.

Five other Euclid Twin-Power Scrapers and two additional TC-12 tractors are making the dirt fly on another section of Western's contract. On still another part of the job six 50-ton "Eucs" are hauling from an 8 yd. dragline. These Rear-Dumps, veterans of Ft. Randall Dam, are powered by two diesels having a total of 600 h.p. For complete information on the complete line of Euclid earth moving equipment or models suited for your jobs, call your Euclid dealer soon.

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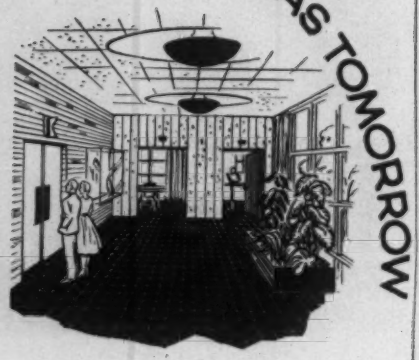

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# READER COMMENT

## A Question of Ethics

SIR: Prior to my recent term of office as city attorney of Grand Rapids, Mich., I had very little acquaintance with consulting and practicing engineers, or for that matter with any engineers. During the period of my incumbency, however, I learned much concerning the activities of such professional men.

I have noted the competitive rivalry, accompanied by the overtones and innuendoes of name-calling and unfair criticism which seems to exist among professional engineers.

It has occurred to me that when a good and recognized firm of professional engineers has been retained to design and supervise a particular project, other engineers should refrain from unsound criticism of the project, and most certainly should abstain from efforts to supplant the aforesaid designing and supervising engineer.

As a result of that experience, I have had occasion to study an engineering code of ethics. If I read that code correctly, it is not improper for one engineer to succeed another if the services of the other have been terminated. But that would assume that the termination has been legal, ethically proper and for good cause. Certainly no self-respecting engineer should play any part in the termination of the services of another man, particularly if the services of the latter were obtained on the basis of a valid continuing form of contract for professional services, or if the services of the latter have not been paid for in full.

It is my feeling that until such contract has been terminated in correct legal manner and in full compliance with ethics accompanied with proper payment in full, there should be no competition to supplant the holder of the contract on the part of professional engineers.

The code of ethics of the American Society of Civil Engineers, Section 6, provides that it is unprofessional "to review the work of another engineer for the same client except with the knowledge or consent of such engineer, or unless the connection of such engineer with the work has been terminated". I have already adverted to the word "terminated". But it seems to me that this provision still is lamentably weak, and made so by the use of the disjunctive "or". All that one engineer has to do is to make it known to the retained engineer that the former will review the work. Under the phraseology of this section, "consent" is not necessary, and its inclusion here is seemingly meaningless.

I should very much like to hear from your readers as to their interpretation of the clause above referred to, and what custom and usage is under it.

SAMUEL H. HIMELSTEIN
*Attorney at law,*
*Grand Rapids, Mich.*

## A Lot of Water

SIR: In your issue of July 14, p. 24, in the caption under two pictures, "Two Miles of St. Lawrence Dewatered", the 65,000,000 gal quoted was an error, the correct figure being 650,000,000 gal.

With pumps working at 80,000 gpm, 65,000,000 gallons would be pumped out in a little over twelve hours. The correct figures, as given by the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission, were 2,4000 acre-ft of water to be pumped out, or approximately 653,400,000 gal.

J. D. MILLAR
*Deputy Minister (Engineering)*
*Ontario Department of Public Works*

## CALENDAR

**Pennsylvania Sewage and Industrial Wastes Association,** annual conference, Pennsylvania State College, Aug. 22-24.

**American Society of Civil Engineers,** hydraulics division, University of California, Berkeley, Calif., Aug. 24-26.

**International Association for Hydraulic Research,** 6th Plenary meeting, Delft, Netherlands, Aug. 29-Sept. 2.

**New York Section, American Water Works Association,** annual fall meeting, Saranac Inn, Saranac Inn, N. Y., Sept. 8-9.

**Western Association of State Highway Officials,** annual conference, Jackson Lake Lodge, Wyo., Sept. 8-10.

**New England Water Works Association,** Lake Placid Club, Lake Placid, N. Y., Sept. 18-22.

**International Road Congress,** Dolmabahce and Yildiz Palaces, Istanbul, Turkey, Sept. 26-Oct. 16.

**American Public Works Association,** congress and equipment show, Milwaukee, Wis., Oct. 2-5.

**Federation of Sewage and Industrial Wastes Associations,** Ambassador Hotel, Atlantic City, N. J., Oct. 10-13.

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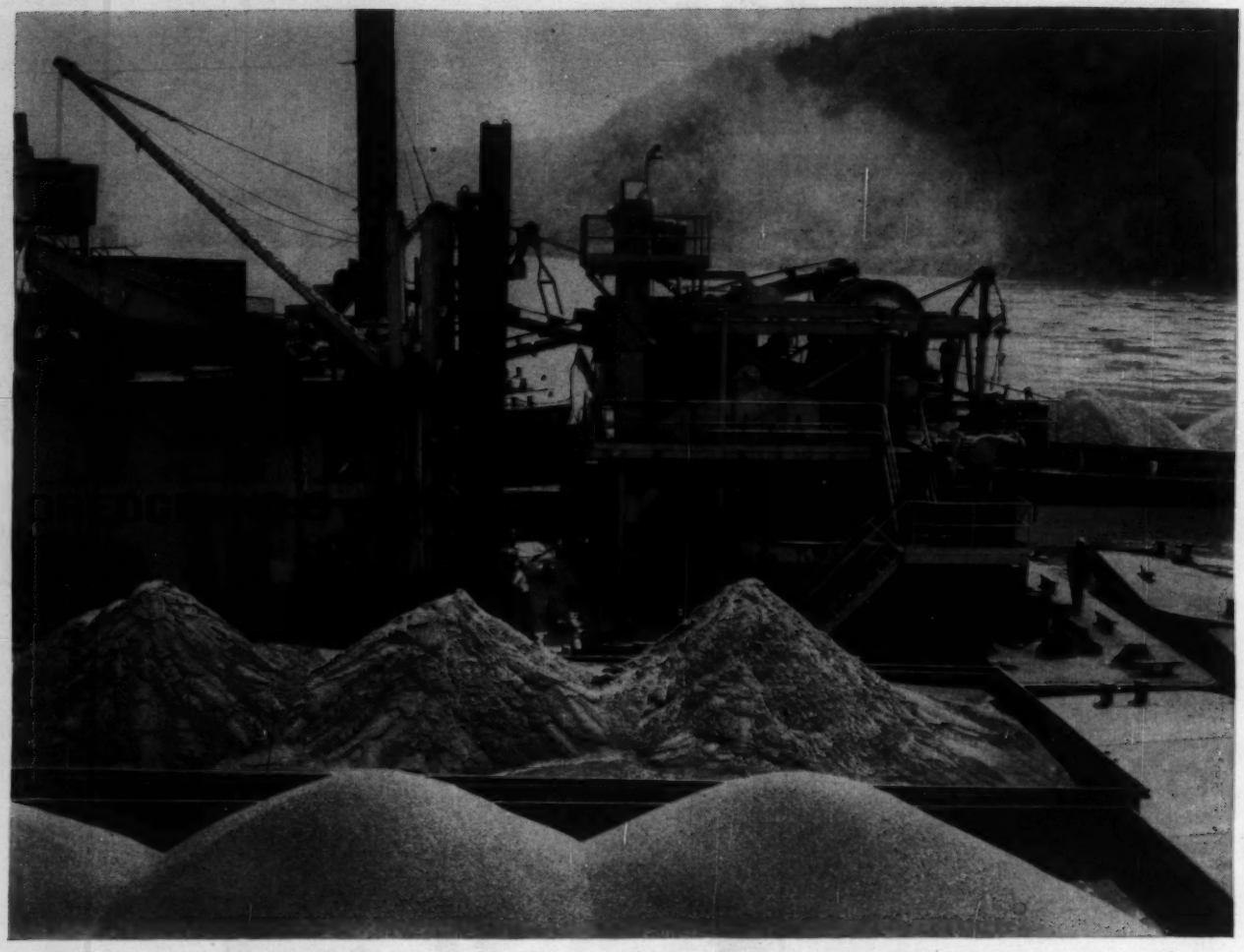

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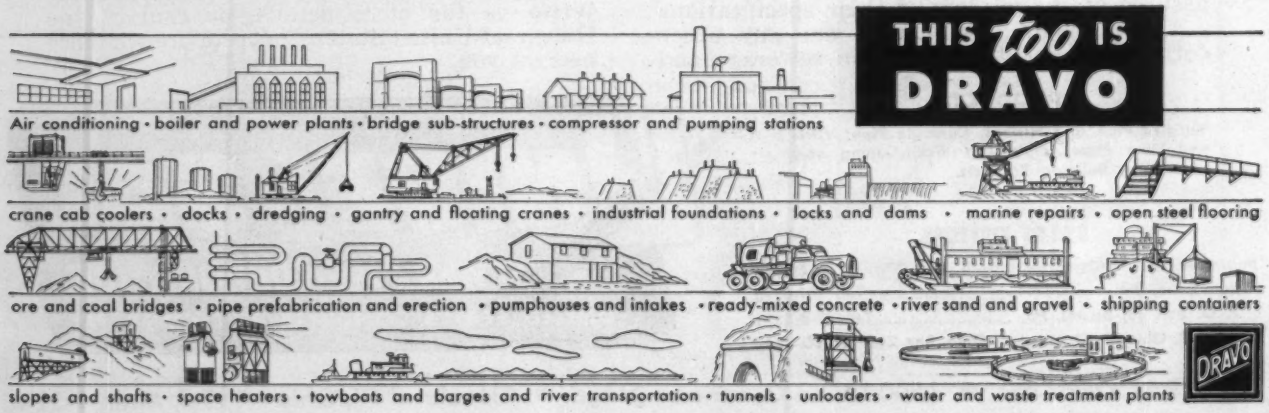
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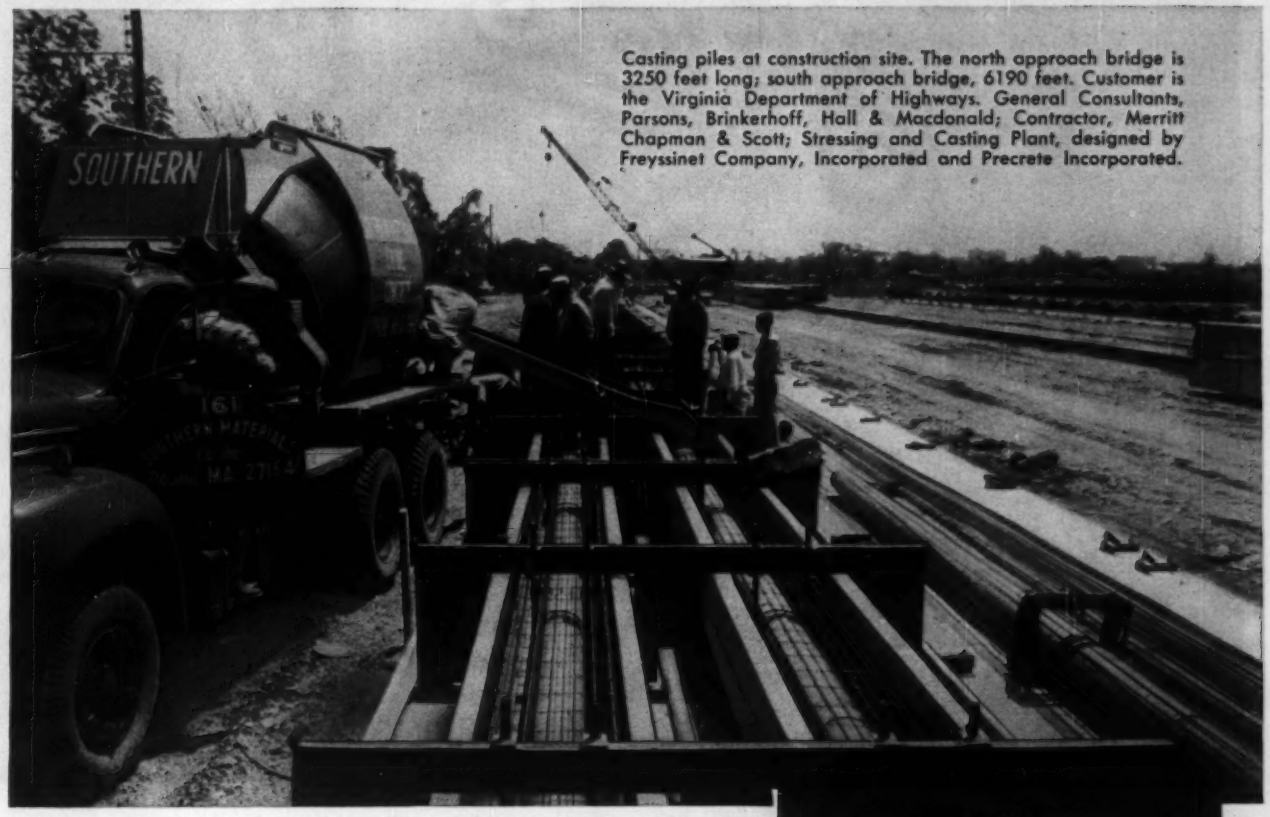


Casting piles at construction site. The north approach bridge is 3250 feet long; south approach bridge, 6190 feet. Customer is the Virginia Department of Highways. General Consultants, Parsons, Brinkerhoff, Hall & Macdonald; Contractor, Merritt Chapman & Scott; Stressing and Casting Plant, designed by Freyssinet Company, Incorporated and Precrete Incorporated.

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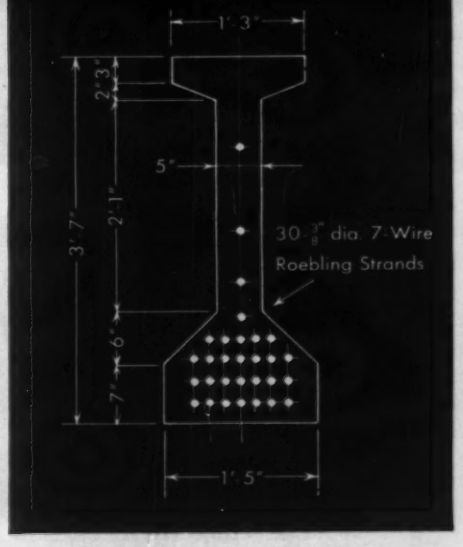


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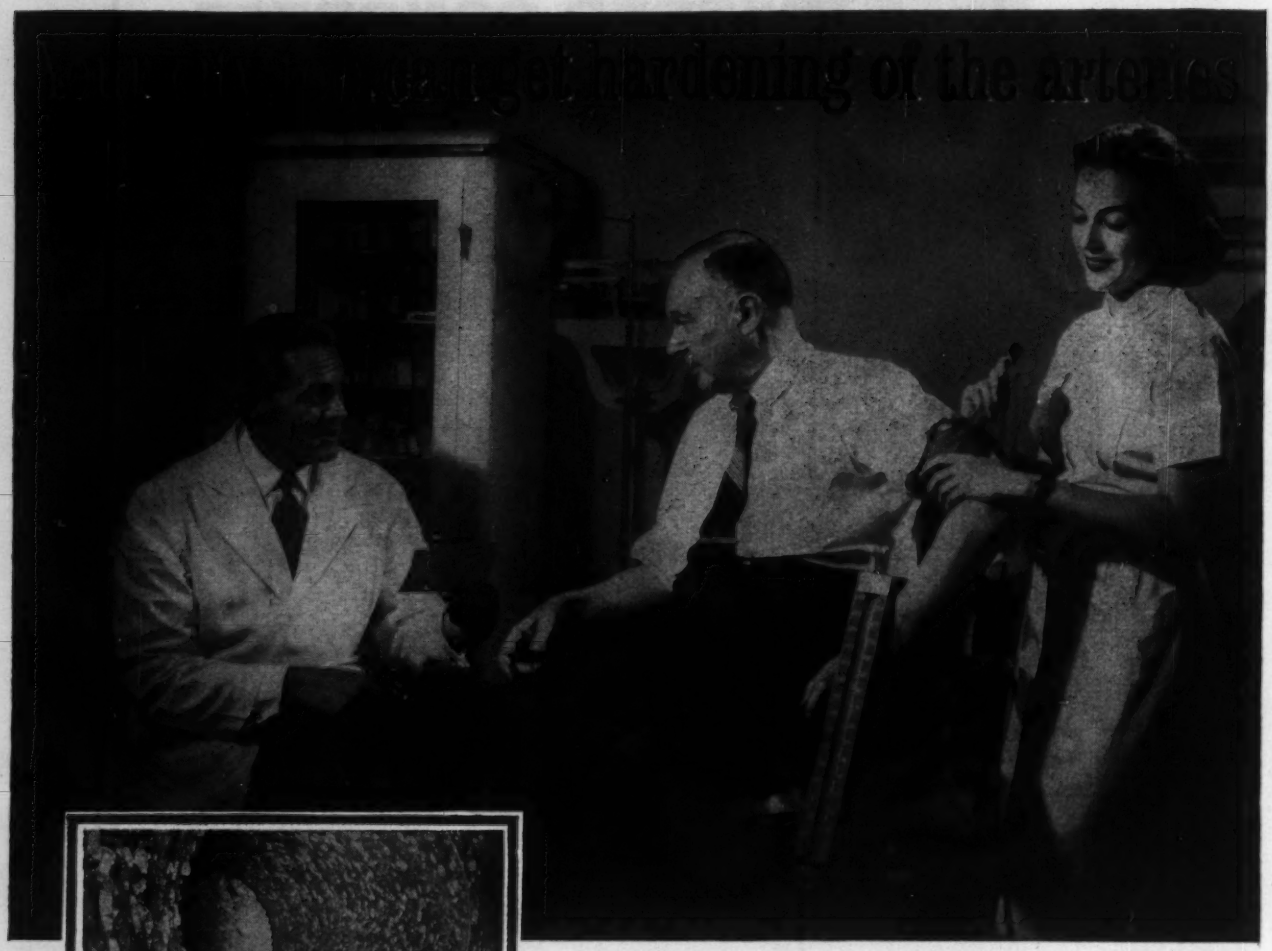
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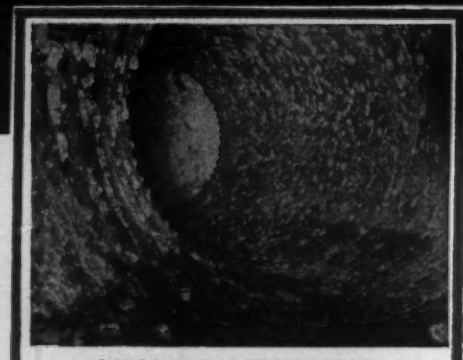

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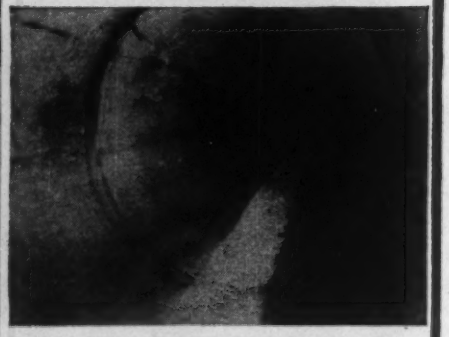

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# THE CONSTRUCTION WEEK

**MAKING PLANS**—States and localities have been bothered for years with a "chicken-and-the-egg" problem in public works construction. Local units often could not get preliminary plans prepared or investigations made without bond funds or other public money. But, they couldn't get the money because they had no plans. Last year, Congress was persuaded to help out with interest-free loans that would be repaid as soon as construction started. But Congress did not appropriate as freely as it authorized, and the program got off to a slow start. This time, Congress had a change of heart, liberalized the program. (See page 21.)

**CALL FOR ACTION**—However, Congress was coming in for sharp criticism on another score—failure to enact the much discussed national highway program. Meeting in Chicago, delegates to the 47th annual Governors' Conference called Congressional inaction on highways "tragically short-sighted." Some strongly urged the President to call Congress back for a special session and the conference authorized a special committee of governors to work with the President and the Congress to get a highway bill enacted, "as soon as possible." (See page 21.)

**ATOMS FOR POWER**—While new atomic developments were being unveiled in Geneva, Switzerland, atomic power in the United States made some strides of its own. The AEC approved plans of two major private groups to build large-scale experimental nuclear power plants. Nuclear Power Group, led by Chicago's Commonwealth Edison Co., won AEC approval for a 180,000 kw plant, and the Detroit Edison group was told it will get a license for a 100,000 kw plant. But two other applicants were rejected. (See page 96.)

**ALUMINUM EXPANSION**—Steel, cement and lumber are the construction materials most watched by construction men. But a fourth material is worth a careful look. Aluminum, now winning acceptance as a structural material, is in short supply, because of an unprecedented demand. Expansion programs that run into hundreds of millions of dollars are under way as the aluminum industry tries to satisfy a market in which construction is now the biggest single customer. (See page 23.)

**CANADIAN CEMENT SHORTAGE**—Spotty cement shortages have plagued contractors in almost every section of the United States this year. To relieve the shortage, contractors have brought cement in from distant U.S. mills, and in some cases, from Mexico and Canada. Now a check shows that Canada is having its own troubles with cement shortages. Where is Canada getting the extra cement it needs? From Europe—and the United States. (See page 96.)

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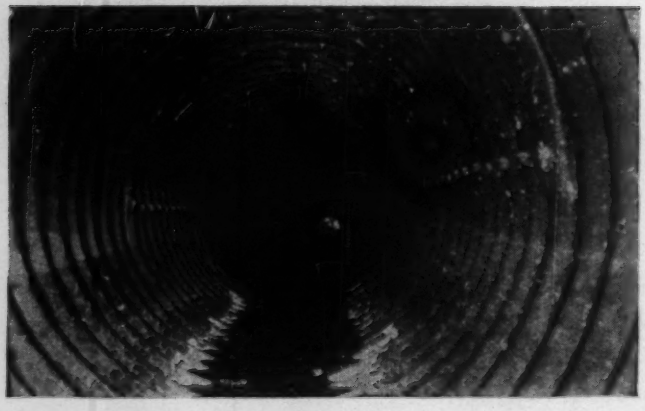

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## WASHINGTON OBSERVER

**Tax aid for billions of plant construction is tied up** while Office of Defense Mobilization makes up its mind about the future of the government's five-year fast amortization program.

**All told, 19 kinds of plant expansion have been cut off** from fast tax write-offs; 38 kinds of facilities have been suspended; and 20 categories have been continued.

**Only facilities closely tied with military and atomic end-products** are getting the tax aid now.

**In total, applications involving some $9.3-billion of new plant** capacity are caught in ODM's freeze. Not all these, by a long shot, had a chance for approval. But, even so, many businessmen will have to re-figure their plans—or at least hold off until ODM makes up its mind.

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**Best guess now is that many big users of tax write-offs won't get any more.** For instance, electric utilities just before the suspension were given tax certificates on $300-million of new plant. Observers are betting that an additional $1.2-billion of utility expansion, for which applications are already in, will no longer be eligible when the new rules come out.

**Reason: Tax benefit will be given only to plants tied closely to war goods.** This would also rule out amortization for such things as iron and steel plants, oil refineries, pipelines, aluminum, and cement.

**Politics has a part in this.** Cut-back on tax benefits fits in with current worry about new round of inflation. Also, it would help in the drive of the Administration to come up with nearly-balanced budget to take to the voters next fall.

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**First approvals of new Reclamation Bureau projects** has been given by the Administration. Construction will begin on 10 projects or units of projects totaling $350.5 million in six states. Congress voted $10.9 million to get building started.

**These projects are among the new starts voted by Congress.** You'll recall that President Eisenhower, in signing the legislation, warned that his Administration will go slow on letting contracts. So the Reclamation Bureau announcement is a sign that review is under way for both Reclamation and Corps of Engineer starts.

**The new projects include** the Palo Verde Dam on the Colorado River, the $220-million Trinity River Project; start of construction of Vaquere Dam of the Santa Maria Project; the Provo River power plant at Deer Creek Dam; Roza Canal power plant—a part of the Yakima Project; Yellowtail Dam in Montana; the Owl Creek Reservoir on the Missouri River Basin project.

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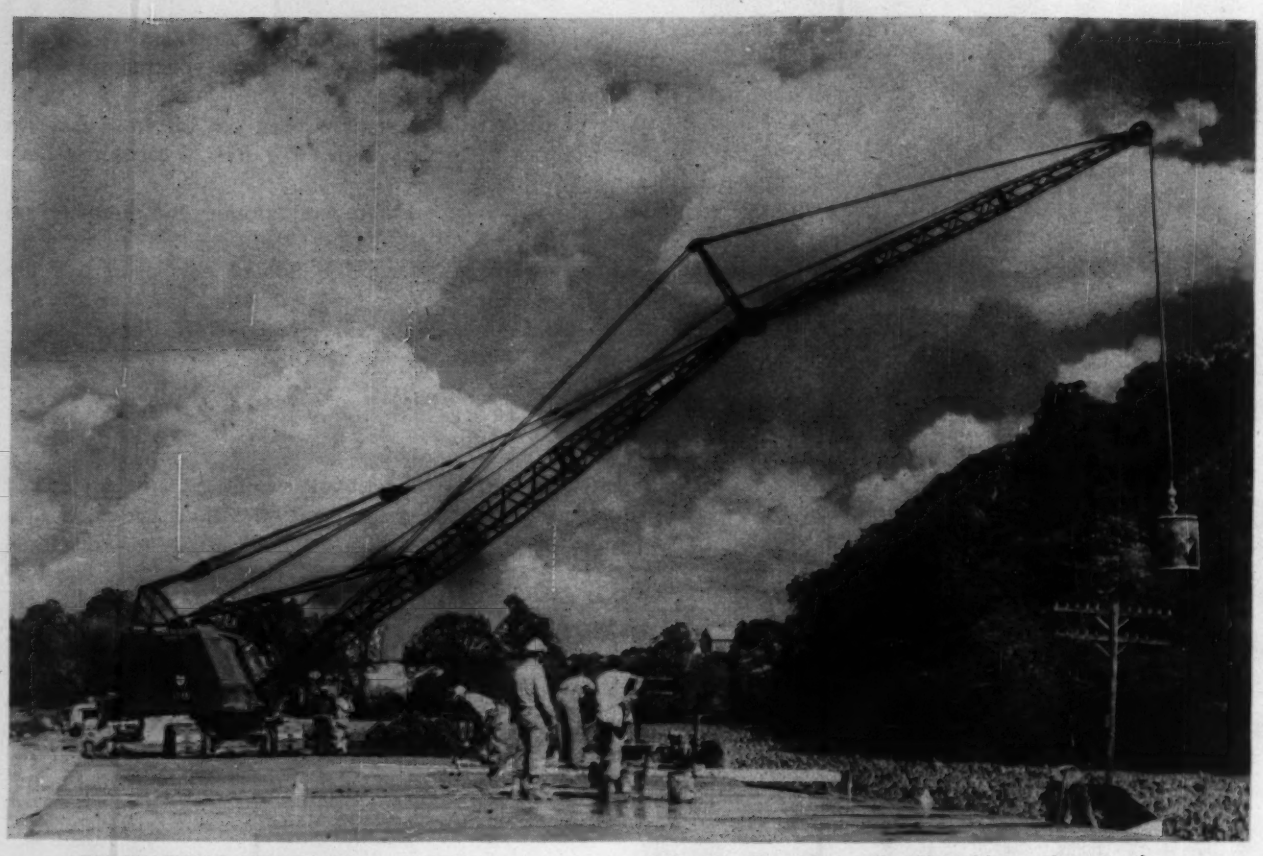
**Army Engineers are beginning authoritative study on hurricane damage** and what can be done in building to counter high winds and water.

**$1-million was voted by Congress for the job**—and a meeting was held in Washington this week to get the project under way. Weather Bureau is in on the study, too.

**Work will be concentrated in New England, Long Island, and the Carolinas**—which have been hit hardest in the last few years.

**Objectives spelled out by Congress** include ways of preventing loss of life and property, "with due consideration of the economics of proposed breakwaters, seawalls, dikes, dams, and other structures . . . "

**Hiring has already begun in Boston** for men to work up report on New England, hard hit in 1938 and last year.



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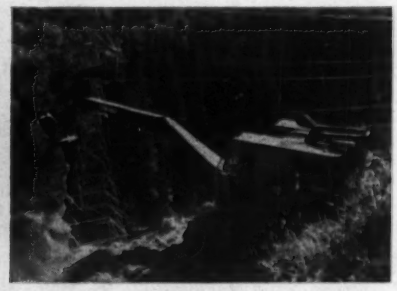

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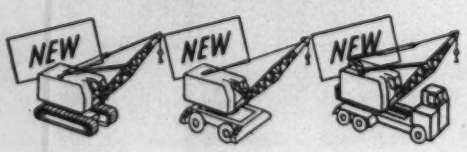


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# More Planning Aid For Local Projects

## Federal revolving fund of $48 million to be set up for loans to communities

The federal government will be more generous in loaning state and local agencies money to help defray cost of planning public works projects in advance of their construction appropriations becoming available.

Advance planning aid has been given a double assist by the new housing bill passed by Congress (ENR Aug. 11, p. 24). More loan money is to be made available and it is now to constitute a revolving fund.

Congress stepped up loan authorizations from last year's level of $10 million to a new total of $48 million over the next three years.

The recent liberalization of this program represents a change of heart for Congress, which appropriated only $4.5 million against a $10-million authorization last year.

• **Slow start**—Because of the small sum available last year, Commissioner John C. Hazeltine of the HHFA's Community Facilities Adminsitration imposed tight restrictions on advance planning loans.

CFA processed loans only for local public works that were urgently needed. And, CFA limited to $75,000 the amount that could be loaned to localities in any one state. These restrictions were lifted in April when it became clear that Congress was ready to vote more money for the program.

Even under the earlier limitation, CFA made headway in processing loans. The first loan, approved April 22, advanced $10,000 to Twin Falls, Idaho, to plan a $1-million sewage collection system.

Since April, ten more planning advances have been approved. The first 11 loans, totaling $94,000, will pay for preliminary planning of local public works estimated to cost more than $15 million.

Now other communities are applying for the federal loans, and the program is beginning to develop rapidly. Qualification statements, a prerequisite to submission of applications, have come in to CFA from 38 communities.

These 38 communities are asking for slightly more than $550,000 in federal loans to plan local public works projects that will cost nearly $55 million to build.

• **Interest-free loans**—Like last year's law, the 1955 legislation authorizes the HHFA Administrator to make advances to public agencies (state, regional or municipal) to aid in financing the cost of both preliminary plans and working drawings for construction of public works.

There are a few limiting provisions. Each project must be planned to be constructed within a reasonable time and it must conform to an overall state, local or regional plan approved by a competent agency.

Federal planning advances are repaid—without interest—by the local public agency when construction is started on the local public works project. If the local agency undertakes only part of the work, it repays only a proportionate amount of the loan at that time. But, if repayment isn't made when due, the local agency is charged 4% interest on the unpaid amount, beginning with the due date.

The $10 million authorized in the 1954 law is expected to finance the program until June 30, 1956, the end of the current fiscal year. HHFA plans to ask the Budget Bureau to approve a supplemental appropriation to add to the $4.5 million already voted.

Under the 1955 legislation, Congress authorized a three-step increase in the revolving fund: $12 million on July 1, 1956; another $12 million one year later; and a final $14 million July 1, '58.

## Airport Aid Allocations

**States and cities last week received their first installment on an expanded federal-aid airport program that will generate $125 million of new construction during the current fiscal year.**

**Commerce Secretary Sinclair Weeks allotted $20 million of federal funds, to be matched 50-50 by the states and localities. Still to come is an additional $42.5 million that the Civil Aeronautics Administration is holding until September or October—to permit sponsors to adjust their project applications for bigger and longer-range development plans made possible by the new program (ENR July 28, p. 21).**

**Congress authorized $250 million of federal aid to be appropriated at the rate of $62.5 million a year for four years. Local matching funds build up the four-year kitty to $500 million.**

# Governors to Spur Action on Road Bill

## But State Executives are as far apart as Congress on methods of financing

Failure of the 84th Congress to enact legislation for an urgently-needed multi-billion national rebuilding program drew sharp criticism at the 47th annual Governors' Conference held last week in Chicago.

Branding Congressional inaction on the highway program as a "tragic failure", some governors expressed the opinion that Congress should be called back into special session to enact a highway program that could get under way immediately.

This view was offered to the conference in a prepared statement by Gov. Walter J. Kohler, of Wisconsin, moderator of a panel discussion on highways and highway safety, in which more than 15 of the governors participated.

"The staggering estimates of anticipated traffic on American highways during the next decade and the vital importance of our highway system to the national commerce, and more particularly, to the national defense, make an expanded federal highway program urgent and necessary," Gov. Kohler said.

"There is no question in my mind," the governor added, "that Congress has a responsibility to act in the highway field and that the vast majority of American citizens want and expect it to act. That legislation of such vital importance should be abandoned because of the inability of the Congress to agree on a program to finance it, is tragically short-sighted."

• **Cities toll roads' success**—Experience has shown not only that the people are willing to pay, but to pay rather handsomely for the privilege of driving on safe, modern highways, Kohler asserted. He pointed out that almost without exception, toll road projects have realized tremendously-increased traffic volume years ahead of schedule.

Similar views were expressed from the floor by other governors who also warned that rates on toll road bonds may be raised to the point where success of toll road programs might be impaired. One safeguard they suggested would be to get the federal government to join states on guaranteeing

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bonds to assure the rates would be reasonable.

The governors were agreed on the need for a prompt start on a mammoth road-building program. But there was sharp disagreement on the length of time to complete the job.

Oregon's Gov. Paul L. Patterson recommended a 15-year highway plan to ease current criticism of financing costs. But Gov. William G. Stratton, of Illinois, host governor of the four-day meeting, urged a five-year program to help reduce the increasing rate of highway fatalities.

Stratton predicted that highway engineers, contractors, equipment manufacturers and materials producers would be able to meet the tremendous challenge of a five-year program.

• **Highway resolution**—Some governors at the conference continued to urge that the federal government repeal its taxes on motor fuels, "retire" from roadbuilding, and let the states build their own highways with increased state gasoline taxes. But they see little chance of this happening.

As outlined by Gov. Theodore R. McKeldin, of Maryland, a member of governors now feel the federal government should return to the states for highway purposes a far greater proportion of the tax money it collects from highway users. McKeldin commented, "The national administration's $101-billion state-federal highway construction program was designed to do that".

He urged the conference to take a strong stand for revival of the administration bill; and against federal increases in highway use taxes.

But the highway resolution finally passed by the conference hedged on the question of financing the road-building plan.

Noting that it "will take the combined and co-operative action of the President, the Congress and governors of the various states" in order to get a national highway program, the Governors' Conference reiterated its approval of a greatly-enpanded federal-state program for construction of interstate highways, and authorized appointment of a committee of governors to help in any way possible.

The resolution also pointed out that present federal motor fuel and excise taxes produce more than $2.5 billion in revenue annually, and that only $900 million of this money is devoted to highways.

"In view of this imbalance, the conference went on record as registering a strong request that far more of this automotive revenue should be expended on highways. . . ."

# A Material That's Going Places

### Aluminum industry charts big expansion as new uses for the metal multiply, with construction applications in forefront

The aluminum industry is betting its blue chips—several hundred million dollars for expansion—on a rising market in which the construction industry is now the No. 1 customer.

Construction is not the only factor in the drive for expansion. Demand for aluminum is outrunning supply for a number of reasons. Government stockpiling of the metal diverts a substantial chunk from the civilian market. The general pick-up in business, starting in the third quarter of '54, caught the industry with low inventories and helped to create the present "scarcity". And, because the supply of copper has been tight, many copper users have switched to aluminum. These are all important. But another prime mover in the unofficial third round of aluminum expansion has been developed of new uses for aluminum. Almost every metal-using industry has found new applications for aluminum in recent years, and construction has been in the forefront the aluminum-using industries, vying with transportation for top honors.

"The greatest growth of aluminum applications has been in the building field since World War II," one top official told ENGINEERING NEWS-RECORD. This official, and many others, feel that the increasing use of aluminum as a structural material has been one of the most significant developments in the industry in the past 15 years. Said one: "Aluminum has come of age as a structural material. . . ."

• **The most is not enough**—Aluminum is setting new production records almost monthly, turning out more metal than at any other time in its history. But it isn't enough to match demand. Production, which stood at 718,000 tons in 1950, has climbed to 1,520,000 tons today. By 1960, capacity is expected to reach 3,000,000 tons.

Extrusions, for which the construction industry is a prime customer, are booked through the fourth quarter at most mills. "If you ordered some extrusions now, the earliest you could get delivery would be in January," according to one company spokesman.

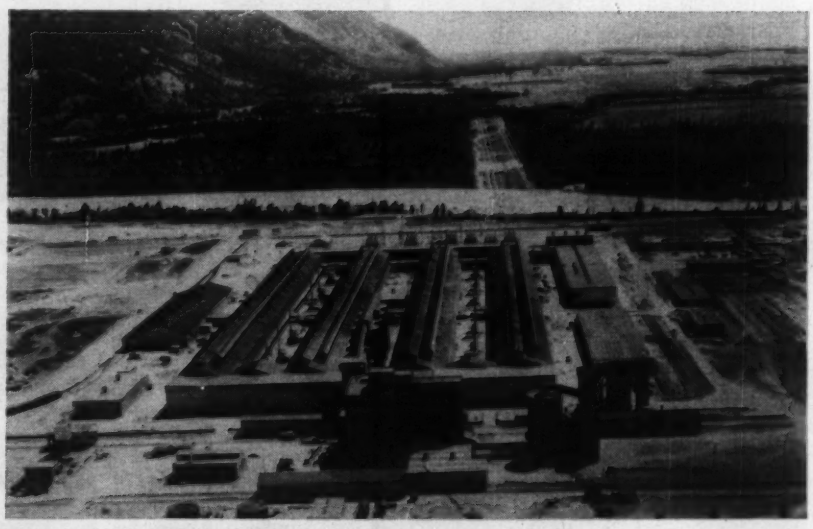
Because of the aluminum supply shortage, the Office of Defense Mobilization has been asked to take action on two fronts. It has done all it can on one of these: A total of 200,000 tons of aluminum has been deferred from delivery to the stockpile for the third quarter and from many shipments in the second quarter.

The second step is still awaited. ODM must make a decision on a government-sponsored round of primary aluminum production expansion. This decision has been postponed a number of times since late June because of policy dissension within the agency.

On Thursday of last week, ODM temporarily suspended approval of new applications on aluminum plants, awaiting the final decisions.

However, industry is going ahead on its own.

This week, Anaconda Aluminum



**A NEW PRIMARY ALUMINUM PLANT was opened this week at Columbia Falls, Mont., by Anconda Aluminum Co., first new producer to enter the primary aluminum field since 1946. The $65-million plant will produce 60,000 tons a year.**

**STRUCTURAL USES for aluminum are varied. One example is this dome-shaped aluminum roof for an ultra-modern coliseum at Charlotte, N. C. Dome surface consists of 3,665 pieces of aluminum, supported by a steel-ribbed web frame, stretching in a convex latticework from a steel tension ring around the circumference of the dome to a central compression ring. The tension ring, which absorbs the thrust of the arched roof ribs, is 2 in. thick, 32 in. wide and 1,000 ft in circumference. Central compression ring has a diameter of 46 ft.**

Co. formally opened a $65-million plant at Columbia Falls, Mont., seven miles northwest of Hungry Horse Dam, which will be the plant's power source. Anaconda is the first company to enter the U.S. aluminum field since 1946.

By the first of the year, Anaconda hopes to have its new plant operating at full capacity—60,000 tons a year.

The Big Three of aluminum also are planning new facilities.

Reynolds Metals Co. has expansion under way at two plants. They will increase capacity by 10,000 tons a year at Gregory, Texas, and 25,000 tons a year at Lister Hill, Ala. The firm also has announced tentative plans for a new 100,000 ton plant in the Ohio River Valley, probably in western Kentucky.

Kaiser is expanding its Tacoma, Wash., plant by 5,300 tons and is planning an expansion of 95,000 tons at an undisclosed location.

Alcoa is adding 45,000 tons capacity to its Rockdale, Texas, plant and 20,000 tons to the Point Comfort plant. This new capacity will be on the line by the second quarter of next year, according to Alcoa officials.

• **More producers possible**—The long-range supply of aluminum may be boosted not only by the present producers, but also by "newcomers". If ODM decides to offer incentives, possibly guaranteed loans or markets, in addition to fast tax writeoffs, new producers may enter the field.

Harvey Machine Co. would like to build a 54,000 ton plant near The Dalles, Ore.; Olin-Mathiesen Corp. has tentative plans for a 60,000 ton plant near Morgantown, W. Va.; St. Joseph Lead-Pittsburgh Consolidation Coal Co. would build a 66,000 ton plant at Wenatchee, Wash.

Several new alumina clay processing plants have been planned by Kaiser and Reynolds to supply ore to their new smelters. Kaiser has planned a $52-million alumina plant in conjunction with its proposed 95,000 ton aluinum ingot plant, which will also cost about $50 million. Reynolds has planned a 200,000 tons alumina plant in conjunction with its 100,000 tons proposed aluminum ingot plant.

• **Major construction supplier**—How important is aluminum to the construction industry? Aluminum is not in the steel industry's class from a production standpoint. But it is important by other standards. Statistics are sometimes elusive in this fast-growing industry. But some are available and they tell an interesting story.

Building materials and construction took 23.6% of all the aluminum available for civilian use from 1950 to 1953, according to the Business and Defense Services Administration of the Department of Commerce.

Building materials alone accounted for 17.5% of the civilian total, running well ahead of consumer durable goods and transportation, the next largest users, each of which took 14.8% of the civilian total.

Aluminum storm windows and screens, as might be expected, count heavily in the totals. But the list of aluminum uses in the construction industry is long.

Plumbing fixtures and fittings, oil burners, boilers, water heaters, ladders, partitions and encloseures, builders hardware, prefabricated dwellings, roofing, structural metal work, prefabricated and portable metal buildings, and pipe are just a few.

In 1952, when an accurate check was possible under the Controlled Materials Plan, building materials used 341,020,000 pounds of aluminum. And, construction machinery accounted for some 6,246,000 pounds of aluminum that year.

One leading aluminum official told Engineering News-Record this week that the construction industry now takes between 600,000,000 and 700,000,000 pounds of aluminum a year. That's just about double the amount used by the construction industry only three years ago. Roughly a third of this goes into homebuilding. The balance goes to commercial building, industrial building and highways (aluminum is widely used for handrailings, signposts, etc.).

• **More structural use**—Aluminum will be an even more important construction material in the years ahead, as structural uses increase. The consensus is that the really big market in construction has not been tapped yet.

While the aluminum-clad Alcoa Building in Pittsburgh is a showpiece—and a salesman for the industry—skyscrapers are not counted on for any substantial tonnage, according to some officials.

One explained that the Alcoa Building probably did not use more than 4,000,000 pounds. And, Alcoa Buildings are few and far between.

"Our big market will be the three or four-story office buildings," this official said. "For every high-rise building, there are hundreds of these smaller multi-story buildings being built; we are convinced that more and more of them will be built with aluminum."

With this—and other construction markets unfolding—some industry observers think that tonnage for the construction industry will double again within the next five years.

And, in private conversations, aluminum officials have some more good news for construction—the price of aluminum probably will be steady for some time to come.

"We can't afford runaway prices for a few quick profits—even when demand is ahead of supply," said one official.

# Bay Area Bridge

## First timetables set for construction of new span across Carquinez Straits

A tentative timetable has been set up for construction of the $47-million Carquinez Straits Bridge, which will parallel an existing bridge linking two arms of San Francisco Bay.

The new toll bridge and freeway approaches, totaling 9 mi, were authorized by the California legislature at this year's session (ENR June 16, p. 23).

There will be a total of six contracts for construction of the bridge and freeway approaches. These will be followed by a seventh for resurfacing and repairs to the existing bridge when traffic is diverted to the new structure.

The first four contracts, to be advertised Oct. 14, are scheduled for completion in July or August 1958. They include:

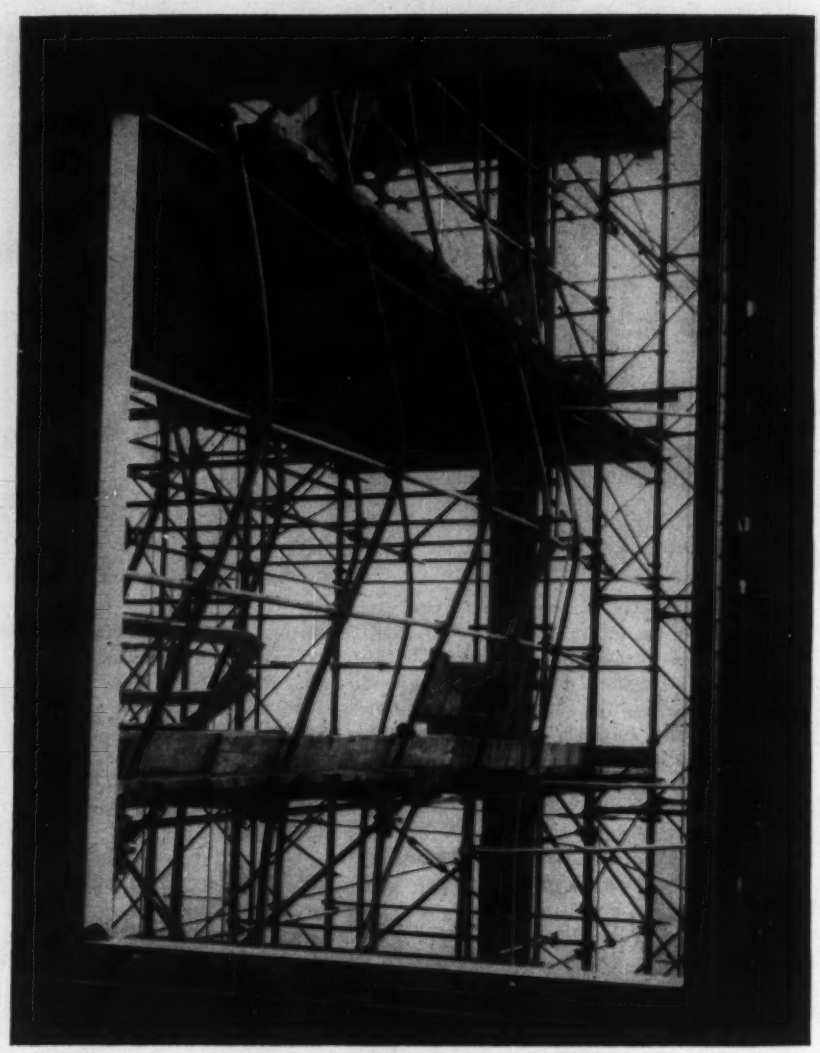
- Foundations and substructure work for the main bridge across Carquinez Straits.
- Superstructure work for the main bridge.
- Approach spans and interchange ramps in Crockett.
- Approximately 2 mi of freeway work, including eight structures and the "big cut." The cut will involve 8,000,000 cu yd of earth and will be some 300 ft deep at the highest point and ¼-mi wide.

**•Vallejo freeway**—The remaining two contracts will provide for construction of 4½ mi of freeway through Vallejo. The first of these contracts will be advertised in April 1956. It will include the toll plaza and administration building as well as widening of the Vallejo Wye structure. The second portion will be advertised in September 1956, and includes interchange structures. In addition, there will be a separation structure to be advertised this September.

As soon as traffic is diverted onto the new structure, ramp and approach connections will be made to the existing bridge. Then repairs will be made to the existing deck, curbs will be constructed to provide a 34-ft 4-in. roadway, and the existing slab will be resurfaced.

This work will be advertised enough in advance of completion of the new bridge to allow steel to be fabricated and to permit the contractor to have equipment and men ready to move onto the job.

Completion of the bridge and approach projects is scheduled for early 1959.



# A Buckle That Did Not Become a Break

**Last week when these pipe columns bowed out several feet without warning nearly halfway up the structure supporting 40-ft-long walkways from the curb-side hoist towers being used in the construction of the new 45-story Socony Mobiloil Building in New York, the upper part of the structure settled about 7 in. But it came to rest without further damage, since none of the clamped joint connections parted and since it was joined to the building at each floor level as well as being tied back with cables at frequent intervals. First repair operation was to pick up the weight of the structure above the bends with steel cables hung from the building. Then, since the bends occurred just above where the column section changed from 3½ to 2½ in. dia pipe, two new 2½ in. pipe columns were installed on each side of each bent pipe. These new columns were extended several levels above and below the damaged area. More diagonal bracing also was put in, and the structure was back in service three days later. Both the city building department and the Chesebro-Whitman Co., which leases the structure to the contractor, Turner Construction Co., are investigating the failure to determine what could have been done to prevent it.**

## Navy Rejects All Bids On Spanish Base Seaport

Because of an apparent error in the low bid, and the considerable disparity between the second low bid and the engineers' estimates, all bids for harbor work at the port of Rota, Spain, have been rejected. The project will be readvertised, with a bid-opening probably late in September.

Low bid was submitted by Corbetta Construction Co., of New York, in association with Construcciones Civiles of Madrid, at $12,768,472. Second low bid was $22 million. The great divergence between the two bids prompted Brown-Raymond-Walsh, joint venture prime contractors, to investigate, and it was found that several errors had been made on the low bid. Second low bid was so much higher that the contract could not be awarded automatically.

# $500,000 Gamble

## Edmonton city engineers reject contractor's bid, take on tough tunnel job

The city engineers department in Edmonton, Canada, has taken a "do it yourself" stand on the difficult—and financially risky—tunneling phases of the city's $6-million sewage modernization project.

The project involves burrowing a 9,000-ft tunnel 130 ft below the ground. The department, after studying problems arising from bad ground conditions on the city's north side, decided against reopening bids on the work. Instead, city engineers will take on the job.

The project is viewed as a half-a-million-dollar gamble. This $500,000 savings-or-loss represents the difference between the $1.6-million low bid submitted last spring by a private contractor and the city's own estimate. (The low bid was submitted jointly by A. A. Voice Construction Co., Ltd., of Edmonton, and Hugh Construction Co., of Chicago.)

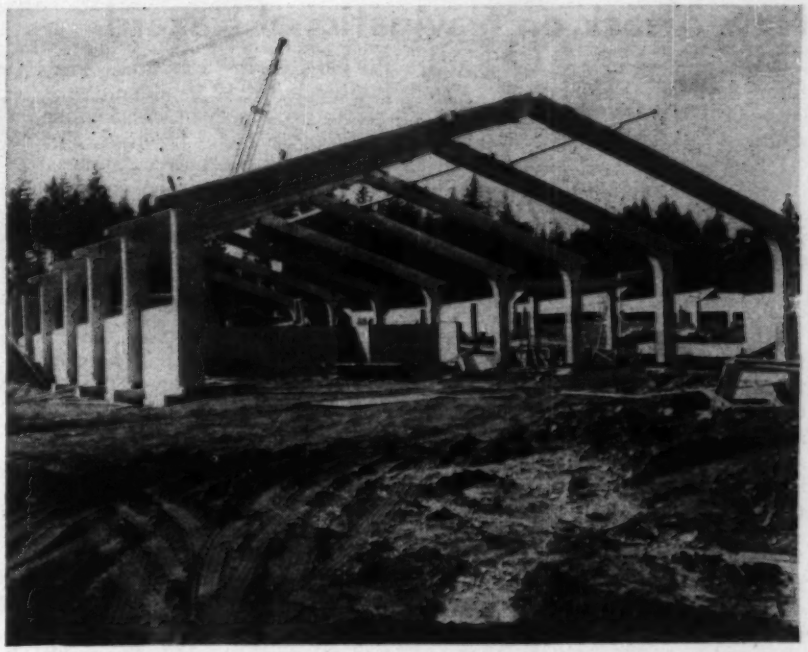
• **Danger from sand**—It is known that bad sand conditions will be encountered—and this holds the answer to whether the city will save money by carrying out the job itself.

In taking over the task, the city set a Nov. 30 deadline for completion of its portion of the job. This involves six 10-ft wide shafts going down 130 ft at 1,300 ft intervals, and two horizontal shafts cutting into the river bank at the ends of the sewer line. In hope of meeting the November deadline, the city will have five crews of 30 men working three shifts a day.

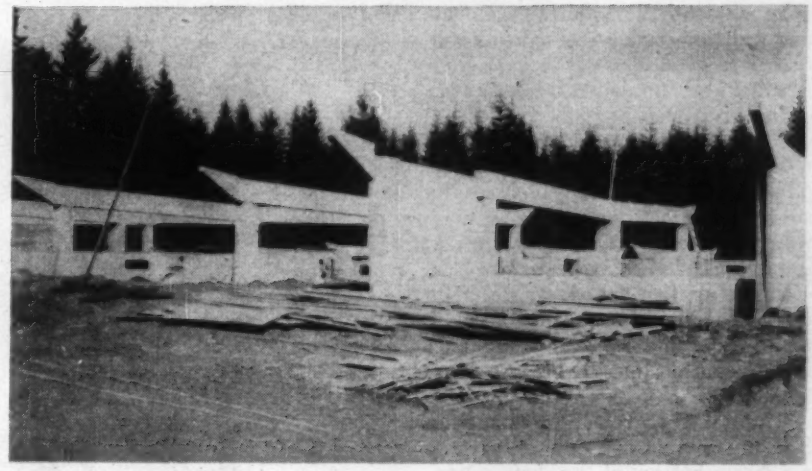
• **Problem from pipe**—As the tunnel goes forward, corrugated steel plates will be bolted into place, and circular pre-set concrete sewer pipe will be installed by sections inside the steel plates. Grouting then will be done on the outside.

The city selected this method over the "inner circle" procedure for several reasons. For one thing, the engineers have experience with the method decided upon, whereas use of the elliptical-shaped pipe, called inner circle, has not been thoroughly tested in Edmonton in bigger sizes. Eight-inch diameter inner circle has been successfully used. But this project calls for a 78-in. inside diameter and engineers are afraid time might be lost in attempting to push it through.

R. C. Dilke is the engineer in charge of the project. Job foreman is Robert Adams, who has specialized in tunnel work for 40 years.



**PRECAST CONCRETE ARCHES** helped cut costs for multi-purpose building that is part of a new school plant north of Seattle, Wash.



**CLASSROOM BUILDING GIRDERS**, also precast concrete, are 39 ft long, weigh 9,300 lb each.

# Precast Concrete Lowers School Costs

Precast concrete is being used extensively to lower costs of the Maple Park Elementary School now under construction for the Edmonds School District, north of Seattle, Wash. According to architect William Arild Johnson, of Everett, Wash., the district will have a Class A fireproof school plant at a cost of $12.10 per sq ft.

The school plant consists of three buildings—one multi-purpose building and two classroom structures. Precast concrete arches were used for the multi-purpose building and precast reinforced concrete girders were used for the two flat-roof classroom buildings.

The triple-hinged arches have an 80-ft span with 21-ft spacing. Each of the eight arches is 24 in. wide, 16 in. thick. The precast reinforced concrete girders are 39 ft long (32 ft between supports, with a cantilever at each end), and weigh 9,300 lb. each. Precast concrete roof slabs, 4x28 ft in size, cover the 22 classrooms in the classroom building. Roof slabs for the multi-purpose building are 5x21 ft. The multi-purpose building includes a covered play area at one end, and an auditorium at the other end. Associated Sand & Gravel Co., Everett, did all the precasting. Erection was handled by Newland Construction Co., under a $297,000 general contract.

# New Attack on Navigational Hazard

A new attempt to blast Ripple Rock from Seymour Narrows near Vancouver in British Columbia is to be made next year by the Canadian Public Works Department. Twice in the past, the combined efforts of construction and mining men to remove this navigation hazard have failed, due to the swift and rapidly changing currents that sweep through the Straits of Georgia.

Ripple Rock actually is made up of twin peaks 450 ft apart with their tops 10 and 20 ft below the surface of the narrow channel through which all ships using the "Inside Passage" must go. In 1943, an attempt was made to drill and blast the tops off these peaks from specially built barges anchored by heavy cables (ENR July 1, 1943, p. 27). After an entire summer's work that project was abandoned. The barges were tossed around so constantly by the swift tidal currents, despite heavy concrete anchors, that no significant amount of drilling could be done.

Subsequently, drilling was attempted from barges secured to heavy cables suspended over the channel. Results were no better than in the earlier attempt.

• **Underground approach**—Now it is proposed to attack the problem by an underground route, as was done when similar hazards were removed from the Hell Gate Channel at New York more than 50 years ago. Use of that method was proposed by a prominent Canadian mining engineer in 1942 but abandoned because of no bidders.

These new plans call for sinking an 8 x 16 ft shaft at one side of the channel. From bottom of the shaft, a horizontal tunnel 8 x 8 ft will be driven out under the channel about 2,000 ft at a point midway between the two peaks of Ripple Rock. From there an inclined shaft would be driven up into each peak. Small side tunnels from these inclined shafts would be loaded with explosives to permit blasting off the entire top of each peak to provide a channel depth of 40 ft.

Plans call for use of about 550 tons of Nitrone, a new explosive recently developed by Canadian Industries, Ltd. This new product can be packed in cans and will withstand dampness; it will not be neutralized by water leaking through into the tunnels. When all holes have been loaded, the whole mass of explosives will be fired in a single blast to shatter the two peaks.

Bids on this work have been called for Sept. 28, and it is hoped to have the job done in 30 months. The cost is estimated at $2.5 million.

The work is to be done under the direction of Victor Dolmage, a geologist whose services were employed recently on the Kemano underground power plant project.

## Two Housing Bills Vetoed By Governor of Wisconsin

Two bills that would have sharply curtailed the Milwaukee Housing Authority's powers—and could have resulted in its abolition—have been vetoed by Wisconsin's Gov. Walter Kohler.

Both bills were written on a statewide basis (ENR Aug. 11, p. 22), but would have had particular application to Milwaukee.

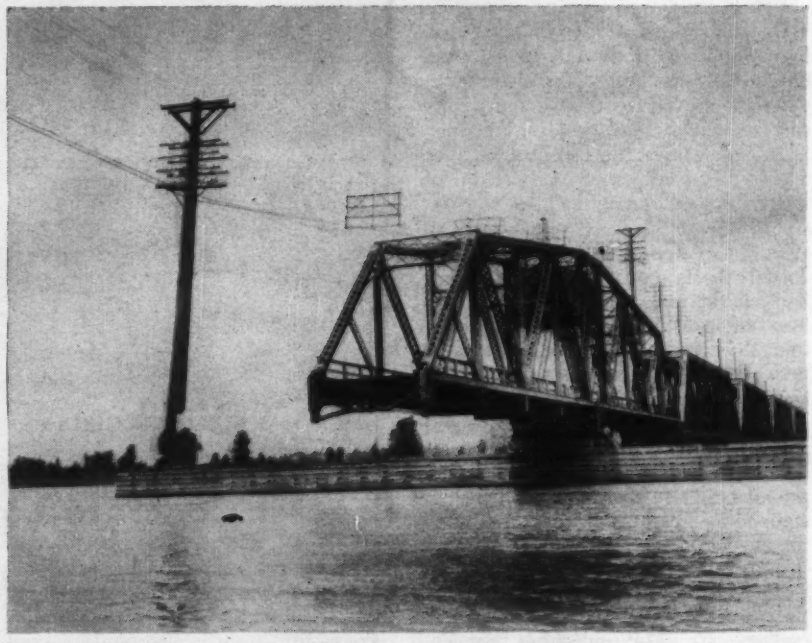
The first measure would have given the Common Council complete control over the housing authority, its budget, employes and operations. It would have enabled the council to abolish the authority and dispose of its housing projects.

The second bill would have required referendum approval before construction of any public housing project that did not pay full taxes.

In returning the first bill to the legislature, Gov. Kohler said he was convinced that it would halt any future slum clearance or housing projects in Milwaukee. He pointed out that if the bill became law the threat of dissolution of the housing authority would adversely affect the marketability of housing authority bonds to finance projects. (The veto has cleared the way for a January sale of $5.5 million in housing authority bonds for an addition to the Hillside Terrace low-rent project that is now under construction.)

In his veto message on the second bill, the governor pointed out that the bill would require referendum approval of every proposed housing project, even those where payments were made in lieu of taxes.

Under present law the Common Council must approve all housing projects and can seek the advice of the voters by holding a referendum if it desires.



## Flood Waters Sweep Away a Bridge Span

**For the second time in seven years a span on the 50-year-old bridge at Mission, B. C., has suddenly slipped into flood waters of the Fraser River. Last month's washout involved a 150-ft span and the northern pier of the 1,740-ft-long rail and highway bridge, which is owned by Canadian Pacific Railway.**

**During the flood of 1948 it was a 75-ft section at the opposite end of the bridge that collapsed and was carried away by the raging river. Blame for the latest casualty has been pinned on swirling eddies and currents. The concrete piers had been laid on top of rock-fill encased by wooden piling. Divers found that scouring had been so great that it had washed away all the rock-fill under the northern pier. CPR engineers plan to study the river bed before deciding whether to build a new bridge or to replace the span. The three-month job of replacing the washed out section and strengthening the remaining piers could cost more than $500,000.**

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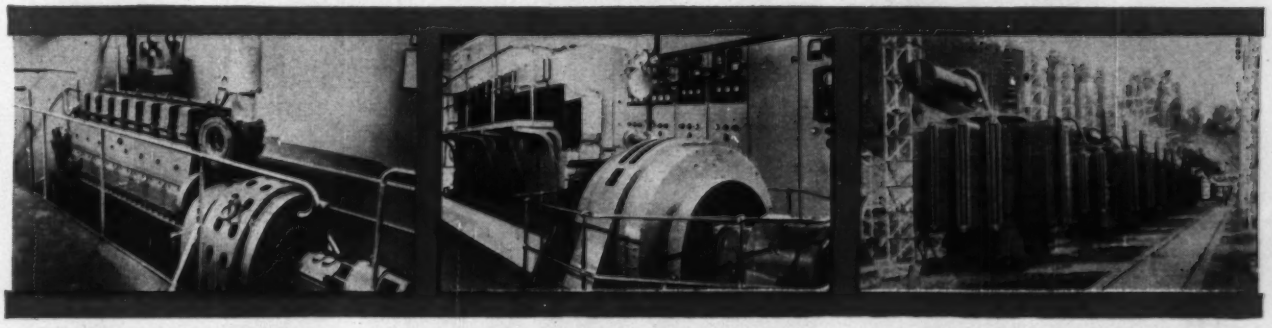

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## Toll Authority May Be Used To Build Cape Fear Bridge

It may be necessary to create a toll authority to finance a badly needed high-level bridge over the Cape Fear River at Wilmington, N. C., State Highway Chairman A. H. Graham said last week.

Engineers have estimated the bridge and connecting roads would cost between $10 million and $12 million. Graham said the project could not be financed from Highway Commission funds.

The present Cape Fear and North East Bridges at Wilmington were built in the early 1900s. Graham pointed out that these bridges were not designed to handle the heavy traffic now being generated in the Wilmington area.

North Carolina worked for years to rid its public highway system of tolls. The state now has no toll roads or toll bridges. Burt Graham commented, "I think we have a different situation than usually is involved in highway projects."

One special authority was created to build a coastal road from Nags Head to Virginia Beach. But this authority has been unable to market its bonds.

## City Charges Contractor Used Inferior Material

The City of Seattle, Wash., has filed a $707,471 damage suit in King County Superior Court at Seattle against Kuney-Johnson Co., charging the firm used inferior substitutes in construction of the 15-story Public Safety Building.

The city's complaint alleges that the contractor substituted Perlite, known as Dantor lightweight plaster aggregate, for the sand which was specified.

This has resulted in "deflection in ceilings, raising of partition panels from floor surfaces, severe fractures in walls, ceilings, ceramic tile and glass-

(*Continued on page 32*)

## Factory Turns Out Record-Breaking Beams

What are claimed to be the world's largest factory-produced pretensioned reinforced concrete I-beams have been placed for a roller rink-bowling alley near Tacoma, Wash. The eight beams used in the two-story structure are nearly 87 ft long, 2 ft wide on the flange, 4 ft deep and weigh 57,000 lb. They were prestressed to 500,000 lb and contain sixteen ½-in. stress-relieved strands. Since the $210,000 contract awarded Bona Fide Builders, Inc., Tacoma, requires completion of the 105x 180-ft structure in three months, Concrete Engineering Co. fabricated the beams in its Tacoma plant while the contractor was constructing the footings. Then the beams were trucked 10 mi to the site, where two 20-ton cranes were used to handle erection.

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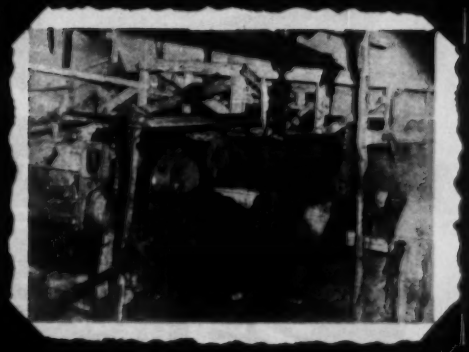

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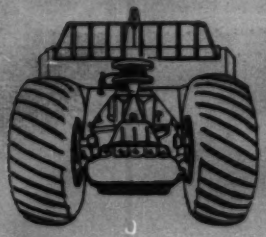

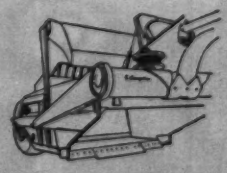

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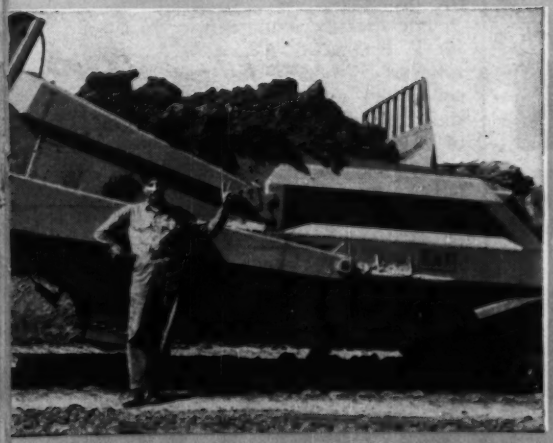

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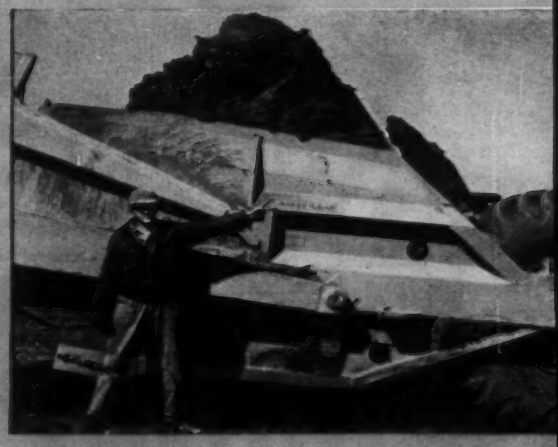

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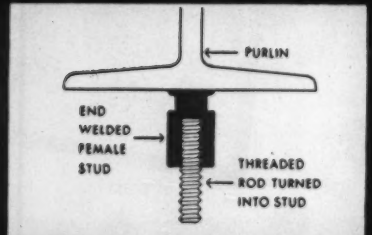


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## Zoning Restrictions Lifted For New Medical Building

Vancouver, B. C., has altered zoning regulations to permit construction of a 14-story medical building in an area previously restricted to 6-story commercial buildings.

The $2.7-million project will be constructed by General Medical Building, Ltd., a company formed by a group of doctors. Designed to accommodate 100 owner-tenants, the building will have 10 stories at first plus provision for four more as required.

The building, designed by McCarter, Nairne & Partners, architects, will have an exterior "honeycomb" appearance, with half the wall area to be glass. The ground floor, in addition to a large lobby, will contain a pharmacy, bank, dining room, coffee shop and retail stores. Each of the upper floors will have 10,400 sq ft of space, divided into 378 sq ft bays.

The ground floor will furnish parking space for 46 cars and the first floor roof will handle 100 more. In addition, there will be access to off-street parking.

## Alaska City May Start Hydro Project This Year

The City of Seward, Alaska, hopes to begin work this year on its proposed $3.5-million Crescent Lake hydroelectric project.

The Seattle engineering firm of H. T. Harstad & Associates has been retained to prepare plans for the project which would have an initial installation of 2,500 kw and a potential of 10,000 kw.

A $3.5-million bond issue to finance the project already has been approved by the city and negotiations have been completed for sale of the first $500,000 worth of bonds to Grande & Co., of Seattle.

## Bid Call for Air Terminal

Port of Portland, Ore., will call for bids for a $3-million air terminal by Jan. 1, according to General Manager John J. Winn, Jr. Seven airlines have completed arrangements to lease space in the new terminal which is scheduled for completion in January 1958.

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AERODYNAMIC RESEARCH CENTER—Studies in supersonic ranges will be performed in this $27 million facility of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics in California. Heavy steel plate work and ticklish foundation problems featured construction.

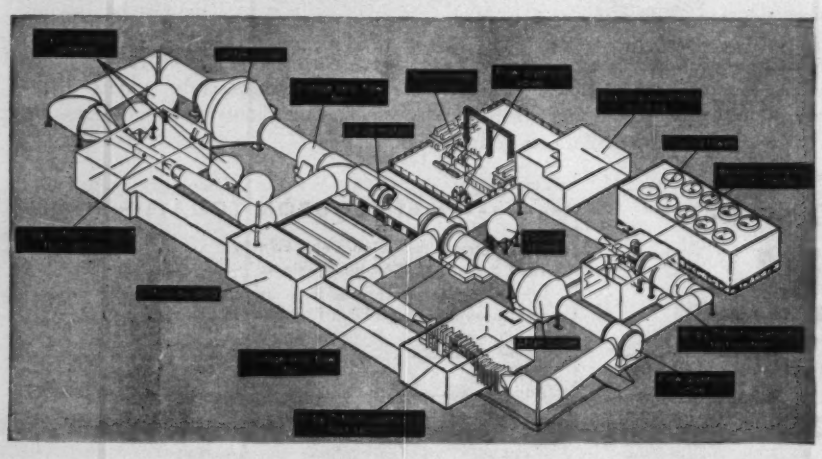
## Supersonic Wind Tunnel

# A Big Job of Heavy Steel Plate Construction

A $27-million supersonic wind tunnel for aerodynamic research is nearing completion at the Ames Aeronautical Laboratory in California. In the design and building of this research facility for the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, these problems were complicating factors:

- Assembly and welding of large, heavy steel plates.
- Foundations on yielding material for minimum differential settlement.
- Control of peculiar thermal expansions.

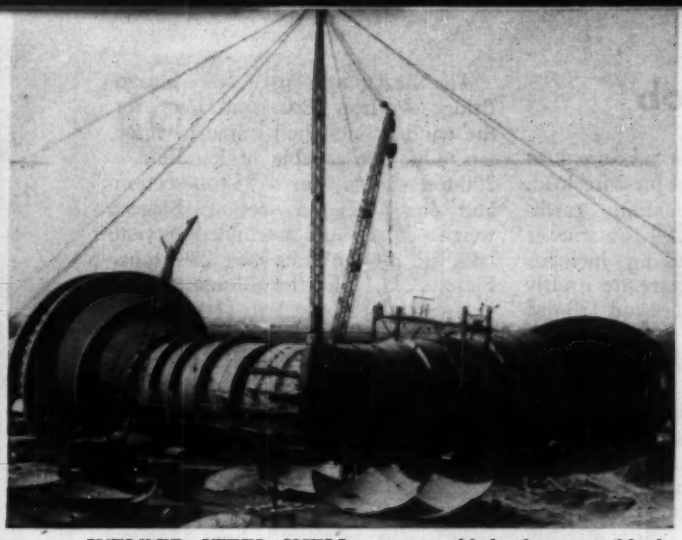
The Ames facility is one of the most powerful wind tunnels ever built—its 216,000-hp motor capacity is comparable to that of the Air Force's Arnold Engineering Development Center near Tullahoma, Tenn. (ENR April 30, 1953, p 30). But the functions of the two test units differ. The Ames installation is intended for research on aerodynamic models with air speeds in the transonic and supersonic ranges—up to 3½ times the speed of sound.



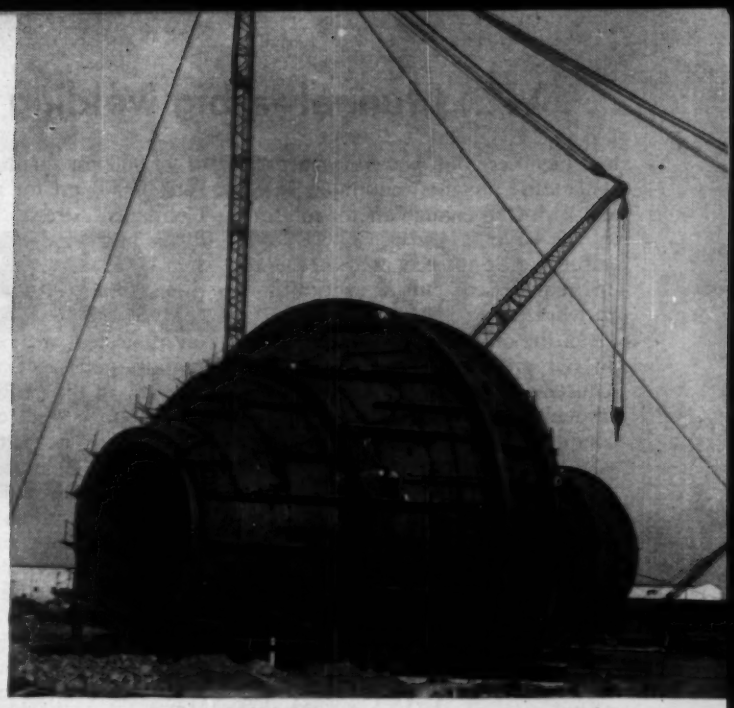
Up to now, the NACA has released meager data on its new facility, following long established policy of not publicizing installations until they are operable (first operation is expected this fall). And, of course, many details of the tunnel are classified because of its relation to national defense.

Aerodynamic research is essentially an empirical science largely based on scale model and full size tests of aircraft and missile shapes. High speeds involved multiply the complexity of the research problems many times. Knowledge of transonic and supersonic speeds is increasingly important to our national defense. To support research in these realms, a program called the Unitary Wind Tunnel Plan has been worked out with the endorsement of Congress. It includes construction of several facilities including the Arnold and Ames installations.

- **Must be large**—Best aerodynamic research results come from full-scale

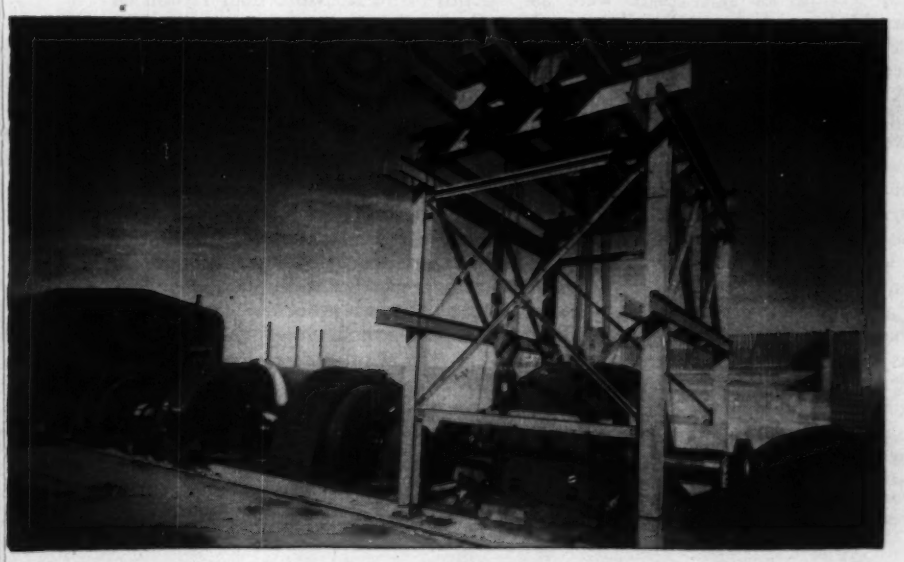


**WELDED STEEL SHELL** was assembled where possible by rotating cylindrical sections during automatic welding. Gantry straddling tunnel mounts a continuous submerged arc machine.



**BIGGEST SECTION** is this 70-ft dia aftercooler (right). Irregular shape made manual welding necessary. Scaffolds are for welders.

**PILES WERE DRIVEN** in relatively soft material to predetermined lengths. Primary aim of foundation design for yielding material was to eliminate differential settlement.



**HIGH DERRICK** installed steel assemblies. 100-ton capacity unit has 100-ft boom.

**POWER SOURCE** for tunnel operations is four tandem-connected electric motors (left) totaling 180,000 hp normal capacity, 216,000 hp one-hour overload capacity.

## . . . Wind tunnel—a big welding job

test facilities, but powering such installations presents enormous problems. Moving enough air for full-scale or large-scale tests requires wind "generators" of unprecedented size. And this requirement puts a practical limit on wind tunnel size.

On the other hand, small-scale tests do not give exact results unless the reduced scale is compensated for by an air density increase. This, too, presents complex problems. The Ames tunnel is a compromise between full-scale and small-scale. It has differing throat sections. The maximum is 11x11 ft for testing in the transonic range. Minimum is 8x7 ft for work in the supersonic range.

The test facility is essentially a three-in-one tunnel. One set of motors will power three separate test loops. Installations can be made in two loops while testing is under way in the third.

Power is supplied by four tandem-drive motors that deliver 180,000 hp continuously or a maximum of 216,000 hp during a one-hour period. These motors power two large compressors—one feeds moving air to one test circuit and the other to two additional test loops.

One circuit is driven by a 3-stage axial flow compressor with a rotor weighing 160 tons. The other two circuits are driven by an 11-stage axial-flow compressor with suitable flow diversion valves being set to select which of the circuits will receive air from the compressor. Rotor assembly for this 11-stage unit weighs some 450 tons. Both compressors have a top speed of 685 rpm.

Beyond each compressor is an aftercooler that removes the heat of compression from the air stream that passes to the test region. Each of the three test facilities is a closed circuit with air continuously being recirculated.

**• Heavy steel work**—The wind tunnel circuits are essentially huge steel conduits that follow rectangular plans. Diameter varies from about 20 ft to 70 ft. And steel thickness ranges from ½ in. to 4½ in. Most usual range of diameter is about 35 or 40 ft and most of the steel plate ranges from 1 to 2½ in. thick. Both design and construction of the heavy steel tubes is a complex matter.

Steel on the project totals about 15,000 tons with most of it heavy plates. All the steel is welded. Most of it is low carbon steel that has good weld characteristics.

The ASME code for unfired, all-welded pressure vessels is used as a guide in design with a maximum stress of 11,000 psi for direct pressure load and 20,000 psi for non-pressure load. Combined stresses including earthquake and wind exceed basic stresses by 33%. Design loading includes these factors: internal pressure (nearly full vacuum to 15 psi), wind (33 psf on projected area in any direction), seismic (20% of dead load), and thermal (a differential of 85 F).

The huge steel cylinders are reinforced with external stiffening rings. These rings or beams are constructed of heavy plates that include the shell of the tunnel as one flange. Most complicated stiffening ring occurs at a corner where intersection of two cylindrical shapes forms an elliptical section.

**• Welding not easy**—Welding the heavy plates presents two problems: control to insure sound welds and prevention of excessive distortion. Inspection by X-ray, magnaflux and plugging was used to some extent. But the main reliance for production of good welds was placed on skill of the workmen. The NACA required that welders on the job be given special tests in addition to the ordinary welding qualification tests. And, of course, welding work was checked continually by visual inspection.

To test soundness of the work, the shells were subjected to two air tests. The most severe was a vacuum test. And the other test was at 125% of working pressure.

Control to prevent distortion was affected largely through allowance for shrinkage and proper programming to avoid too much welding at one time at one location.

Extensive use was made of manual welding. But where possible automatic welding was employed. In performing the latter, interesting construction techniques were employed. Cylindrical sections of steel plate were assembled on heavy rolls. Two such sections were joined by automatic welding as they were slowly rotated. A welding machine mounted on top of a gantry performed the outside weld in down-hand fashion. A second machine at the bottom of the cylinder welded the inside. Electronic controls synchronized the speed of rotation with the rate at which the electrodes were fed through the welding machines.

Automatic welding of heavy plates has distinct advantages. A bigger bead is used. This reduces shrinkage problems because the area is heated only once. But manual welding was necessary on some of the heavier plate work—such as the 70-ft dia aftercooler—because of the irregular shapes.

The heavy rolls used by Chicago Bridge & Iron Co., contractor for the wind tunnel shell, came in three sets. One set capable of handling a 200-ton section, one a 75-ton section and one a 25-ton section. Biggest weight of any one assembled section handled by the rolls was 239 tons. Plate thickness for the automatic work was generally in the 1 to 1½-in. range.

To handle heavy lifts on the work, Chicago Bridge & Iron installed a 100-ton capacity derrick. It had a 120-ft mast and a 100-ft boom. Maximum capacity was 100 tons. But capacity at full extended boom was 50 tons. Biggest lift in the steel plate fabrication work was 89 tons. The derrick was powered by a hoist that exerted a 25,000-lb pull at 130 fpm.

The derrick was equipped with a sled type mounting that permitted it to be moved without being dismantled. In the course of the work the rig was moved twice—once 65 ft and another time 140 ft.

**• Foundations**—Design of foundations for the wind tunnel was complicated by the 266-ft long shaft connecting the four drive motors and two compressors. Differential settlement of the footing had to be minimized to prevent fouling the motor-compressor assembly. And the supporting material made this a difficult task. The wind tunnel is located near the shore of San Francisco Bay with the underlying strata being a combination of alluvial fill, bay mud. Depth to firm bearing was prohibitively great.

Accordingly the foundations were based on Raymond step-taper piles driven to predetermined lengths. Mounted on the piles was a massive concrete structure situated mostly below grade. The footing included a plenum chamber for air cooling the motors.

Included in the entire job were some 1,700 piles driven to an average depth of 48 ft. More than 10,000 cu yd of concrete went into the foundation work, largest single pour being 3,240 cu yd. Placing this concrete took 69 hours of continuous pouring.

**• Expansion joint problems**—Circulating air for aerodynamic testing operations results in a large temperature increase. And, of course, this heats the steel structure. In addition there are thermal stresses induced by changes in the atmospheric temperature. Primary difficulty in handling such expansion comes from the fact that the wind tunnel structure must have fixed points at the compressor and at the test section. And additional points of fixity are required for earthquake resistance.

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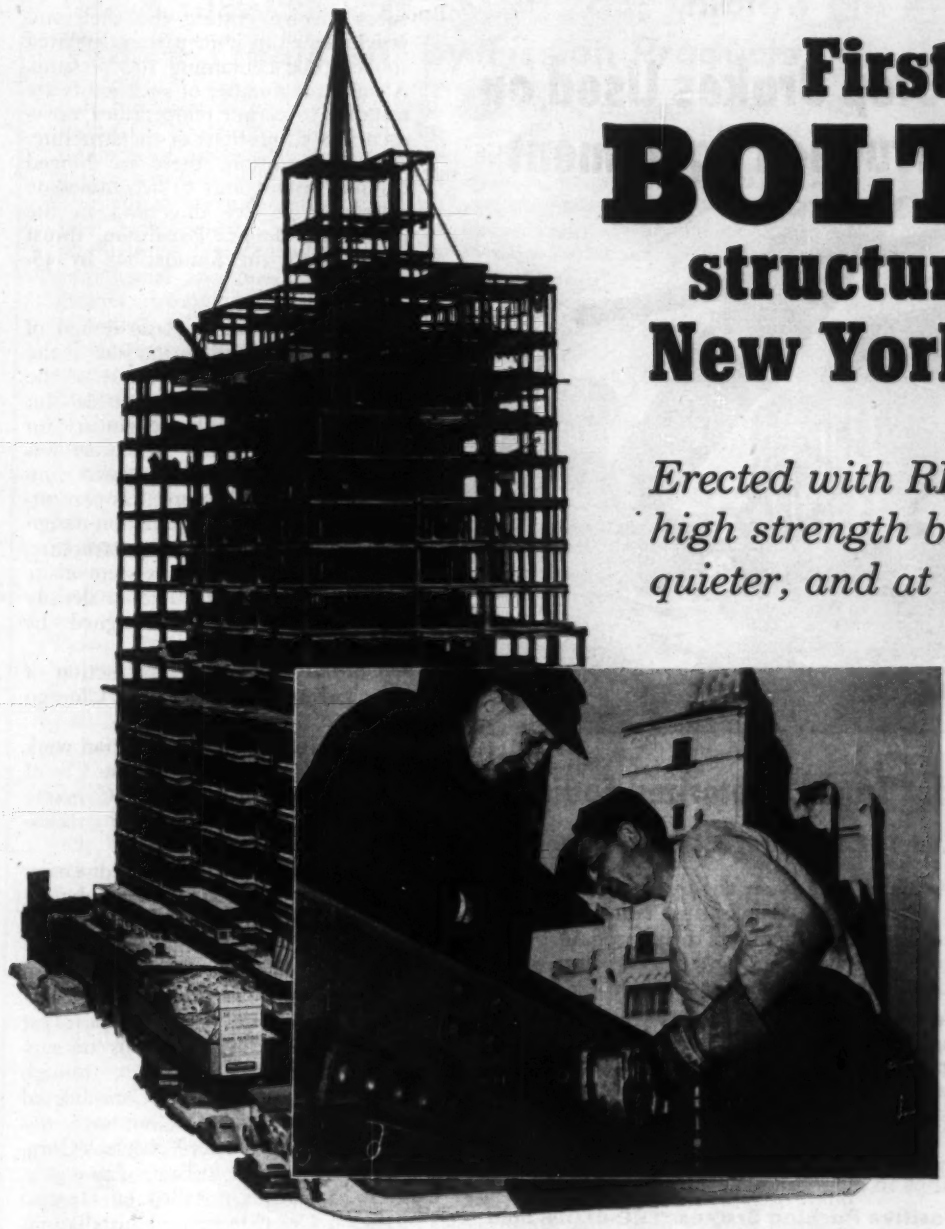

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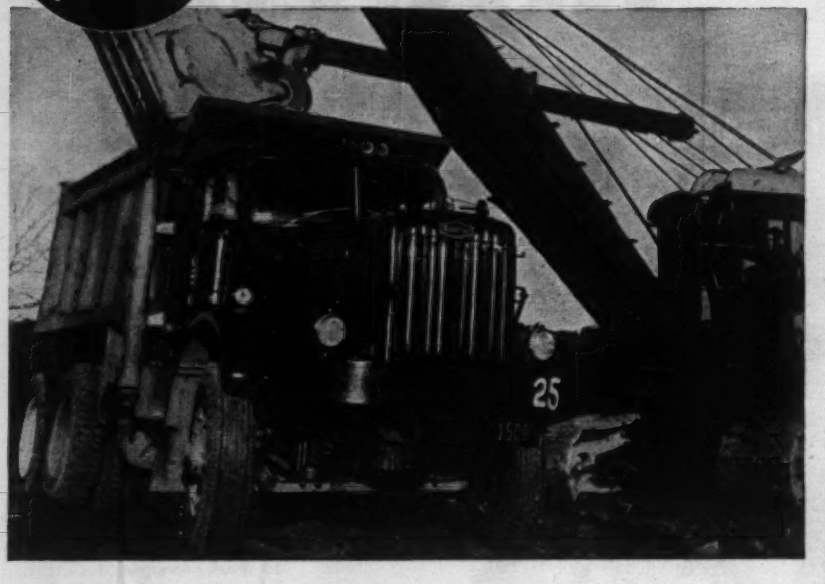

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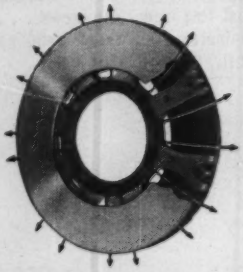

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• **Designers, builders**—Basic design of the wind tunnel was by the staff of the Ames Aeronautical Laboratory of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics. Architect-engineer for the primary building structures was John A. Blume, San Francisco consultant. Blume also served as consulting engineer on the foundation design and on the wind tunnel structure. Foundation investigations were made by Dames & Moore. The air density control building was designed by Bechtel Corp.

Contractor for the construction of the wind tunnel structure was Chicago Bridge & Iron Co.

Building work and foundation work was done by Carl N. Swenson Co. of San Jose, Calif. Raymond Concrete Pile Co. served Swenson as subcontractor for pile driving.

Compressors and flow diversion valves were designed and fabricated by the Newport News Shipbuilding & Drydock Co. with installation handled by Eichleay Corp. Electrical drive system was designed and supplied by General Electric Co. Test sections of the wind tunnels are supplied by U.S. Steel Co. through American Bridge and Consolidated Western Divisions. Cooling tower was installed by Foster-Wheeler Corp. Cooling system utilizes Trane Co. heat exchangers installed by Herman Lawson Co. Mechanical installations of air density control equipment is by A. J. Peters & Son.

## AEC Creates New Setup For Civilian Participation

The Atomic Energy Commission has established a Division of Civilian Application to implement civilian participation in the development and utilization of atomic energy.

Functions of the new division will include those previously assigned to the Licensing Controls Branch and the Division of Construction and Supply, as well as certain functions of the now-abolished Industrial Liaison Branch of the Division of Reactor Development.

The Division of Civilian Application will be responsible for administering the AEC licensing program.

## New use for radiation:

# Waste Treatment by Fission Products

Is treatment of domestic sewage or industrial waste by radioactive by-products of production and power reactors possible? Is it probable that economical treatment plants using fission waste products of uranium and plutonium will someday help to satisfy commercial and public demands for cleaner streams and greater supplies of water?

Answers to these and other related questions are being sought with ever-increasing activity in the laboratories of universities, government agencies and private research organizations.

Extensive research is being carried on by the Engineer Research and Development Laboratories of the Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, in conjunction with the Oak Ridge National Laboratory of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and it has been demonstrated at Fort Belvoir, Va., that water-borne sewage can be sterilized by gamma radiation without activating or leaving residual radiation in the treated liquids.

According to Harry N. Lowe, Chief of the Engineer Laboratories' Sanitary Engineering branch, the possibility exists that these radioactive waste products can be used to sterilize water, sewage and other liquids.

Other agencies have found that gamma rays can also be used to sterilize certain drugs and antibiotics that are harmfully affected by heat, to preserve meat and other food stuffs through destruction of bacteria that cause spoilage, to irradiate pork, thus inhibiting spread of trichinosis and to decrease bacteria in swimming pools without the use of chlorine.

W. A. Selke, project engineering manager of the Department of Chemistry at Columbia University, New York City, has conducted tests on a specific industrial waste—the highly pollutant pulp waste of the paper industry. In his report of findings, Selke starts with the premise that on one hand there is a potentially enormous quantity of dangerously radioactive fission waste that is difficult to dispose of, and on the other is the highly toxic troublesome waste from the kraft pulping industry. He proposes to "borrow" the radiation of fission waste during the cooling process and neutralize the pulpwaste to mutual solution of both problems.

At present, most pulping wastes are discharged raw into receiving streams, although efforts are being made on the part of many paper industries to install adequate treatment facilities. Activated sludge plants have recently been proven effective in pulp waste treatment. Dilution factors for kraft mill wastes according to Selke, are as high as 200:1 where sulphides, mercaptan and resin acid soaps are in dangerously high concentrations, and even at that factor, fishlife at the point of discharge may be threatened.

Radioactive waste fission products are being stored in deserted areas and dropped into deep portions of the oceans, but ultimate limitations on these methods of disposal have spurred consideration of other methods such as storage in salt domes, underground caverns and even transportation of the material to outer space by means of un-manned rockets. The Atomic Energy Commission has sponsored research in attempts to develop uses for waste fission products by which the radiation from these could be exploited commercially, but indications that even very wide scale use of "hot" materials would not require all the fission products to be produced. However any profitable use might overcome some of the cost of disposal of the remainder.

• **Radiation and pulp wastes**—Selke, who with Ernest J. Henley, also of Columbia University, demonstrated that by giving infinite doses of radiation of the type emitted by nuclear reactor wastes—Columbia labs are equipped with two artificial radiation sources, a one-kilocurie and a 5-kilocurie source of irradiated isotope cobalt 60 from Brookhaven National Laboratory—pulp wastes would decompose into:

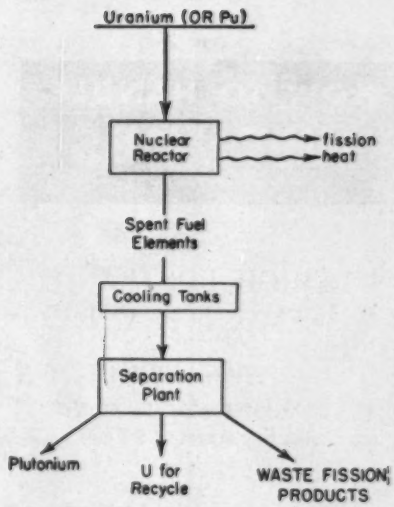
1. Inorganic wastes—All elements would be oxidized to their highest oxidation states.

2. Organic substances—These would be decomposed into gaseous products and charred residue.

Since it is economically untenable to give these materials infinite doses of radiation, one of Selke's aims was to ascertain how closely practical methods can approach the ideal using moderate doses.

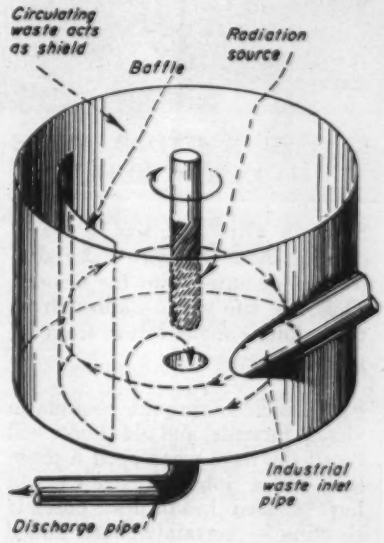
According to Selke, among the many chemical reactions considered for acceleration by means of radiation, the treatment of pulping wastes show more promise than most. The destruction of toxic kraft waste constituents seems worthy of study as does the less clear-cut prospect of hydrolyzing and precipitating some of the constituents of sulfite waste liquor, with consequent BOD reduction.

He cites the following points as making radiation treatment of pulping wastes attractive:




**A PROBLEM—What to do with waste fission products**

**ONE ANSWER—Use them as radiation source to sterilize domestic or industrial waste.**




1. One of the major shortcomings limiting the uses of fission products for chemical catalysis is the very high energy of atomic radiation. These energies are as much as a million times higher than conventional bond energies. When atomic radiation interacts with matter, the ultimate net effect is therefore a destruction of the compound. This is undesirable in almost every use except the one suggested—treatment of waste streams.

2. Shielding requirements may be met in part by surrounding the fission product source with the solution being radiated (it was found that six ft of water reduces gamma radiation to about one-millionth of its initial intensity). Although dose rates would be low in peripheral regions, it would seem better to get some use from al-

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most all the radiation rather than absorbing it in a shield. The flow could be directed by baffles so that the fluids move into the zone of more intense radiation before discharge.

3. As a safety measure, some large nuclear reactors will continue to be built in remote areas. This may place the reactors near lumbering areas and thus reduce shipping charges.

For the pulp industry, isotope sources of radiation as well as processed fission products may be too expensive, and in any case, it will be two years or more before such products may become available. The closest likelihood of commercial feasibility, Selke continues, would seem to involve running the waste streams from a pulp mill through the tanks where reactor fuels are stored prior to processing. This assumes that the pulp mill is close to the reactor. This arrangement would provide enormous radiation doses at relatively little cost.

Possible design for a radiation treatment vessel has been presented by Selke's department. It consists of cylindrical tank with minimum dimensions of 12-ft diam and 12-ft height (this so that a minimum of six feet of waste material would act as a shield for the radiation source located in a holder tube at the center of the vessel). Waste would be led into the vessel tangentially to assure uniform passage through the tank, and baffles would be installed to provide thorough mixing of material and equal radiation to all portions of the waste. Discharge would be accomplished through the center of the tank bottom directly below the source. Where larger tanks are required, several sources could be arranged to provide a zone of nearly uniform radiation flux.

• **More passengers for band wagon**—Early this year two Clevelanders (Ohio) applied for AEC aid in developing a $750,000 research project for investigating the effectiveness of treating sewage, domestic water supply and lake pollution through use of irradiation of these materials by fission waste products. Professor A. J. Teller, head of the Chemical Engineering Department of Fenn College, and George Miller, president of Distillata Co., would—if their request is granted—seek to demonstrate the practicability of destroying non-filterable viruses from sewage before they get into the receiving body; develop cheaper and less cumbersome sewage disposal plants, and devise methods for reducing lake and stream pollution to afford safer swimming and recreational areas.

The Teller-Miller plan calls for use of gamma radiation to destroy contaminating bacteria and viruses by means of fission waste products from the nation's atomic plants. Among the methods they propose to experiment with are encasement of radiation source in glass, and lining sewage transmission lines with clay impregnated with radioactivity.

They propose to erect a pilot plant and prove its effectiveness within a two-year period.

• **Activity on Coast, too**—A private engineering firm has been hired by the San Diego (Calif.) Industrial Development Council to study the feasibility of recovering water and commercial fertilizer from sewage by treating it with gamma rays.

The company, Rudson Engineering Enterprises, Inc., of San Diego, is headed by R. G. Greenbaum, physicist and consulting engineer, and J. B. Kenney, sales and industrial engineer.

The Industrial Development Council, also a private organization, said it would offer the firm's report to the city without charge.

Since atomic waste material has been made available to private industry by President Eisenhower and the AEC, the council is presuming that it could be obtained by municipalities in time.

## Water Demands Skyrocket To Plague Arid Southwest

Engineers all over Arizona are looking for new water sources as higher standards of living place critical demands on the state's domestic supplies.

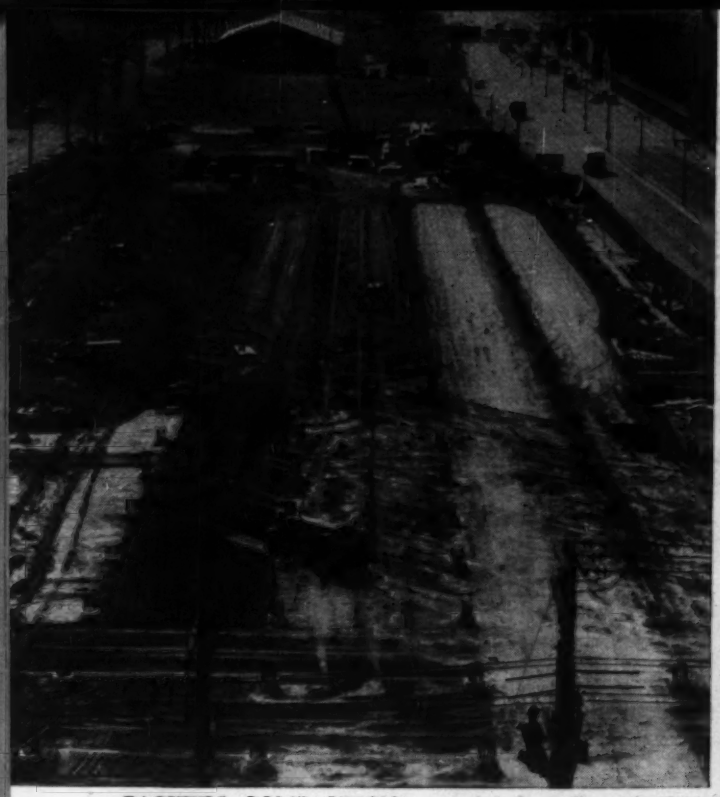
Automatic washers, new and more cooling devices, and increasing residential lawn needs are causing a serious drain on limited water facilities. In addition, meager winter rains have resulted in sub-normal storage.

At Globe, which is located in rocky, mountainous country, water consumption is equaling the combined pumping capacity of all city wells. A serious fire reportedly would empty the reservoir in one hour.

The desert community of Casa Grande faces a critical shortage and is speeding drilling of wells to take care of normal evening water demands. Underground water is available, but wells must go to 800 ft.

Mountain towns in northern Arizona report that springs are drying up from lack of rain. Many ranchers in the Williams-Flagstaff-Ash Fork area are hauling in water for cattle by means of railroad tank cars.

Phoenix, though meeting present demands, is talking about a $10-million program to increase storage and filtration to take care of rapidly-rising population demands.



BACKFILL COMPACTION required heavy rollers to achieve density that is necessary to support the 4,000 psf floor loads.

HEAVY TIMBER SHORING supported second floor slab pours. First floor wall slabs used ground floor slabs as casting surface.

## Factory features:

## 1. Foundations for Heavy Load

## 2. Precast Wall Panels of Unusual Size

The new 335,000-sq-ft three-story factory building of the American Can Co., in San Francisco is an out-of-the-ordinary structure in several particulars. Its heavy loads dictated the use of two kinds of foundations to meet different soil conditions, and a most thorough backfill compaction operation during construction to permit the ground floor to carry its 4,000 psf design load. Its walls are made up of precast panels, 8 in thick and weighing as much as 30 tons each. And its frame, while largely of reinforced concrete, is topped off by structural steel in the top story and roof.

Ground floor of the structure will be used principally for raw material storage. Upper floors of the factory may be used for machinery installations or storage.

Second floor is designed for 300 psf and third floor for 500 psf. Thus, in addition to 4,000 psf ground floor loading, the underlying foundation must support relatively heavy loads from columns spaced 25x25 ft.

Subsurface investigations indicated a serpentine rock formation fairly near the surface on the northerly end of the site. On the remainder of the area there was a considerable depth of firm clay and loose sandy material overlying the rock. Accordingly, the northerly part of the building is supported on spread footings extending to rock 2 to 8 ft below the floor slab and having an average of 100 sq ft of contact area with the rock. The remainder of the building is supported on concrete-filled, mandrel-driven, steel shell piles driven to refusal. Piles average 20 ft long and have 40-ton capacity.

The building is separated into two distinct structures at the dividing line of the different foundation types. An expansion joint between the building frames is designed to permit up to 3 in. of longitudinal movement without transferring lateral loads from one frame to the other.

To support the heavy ground floor load, quarry rock was imported and

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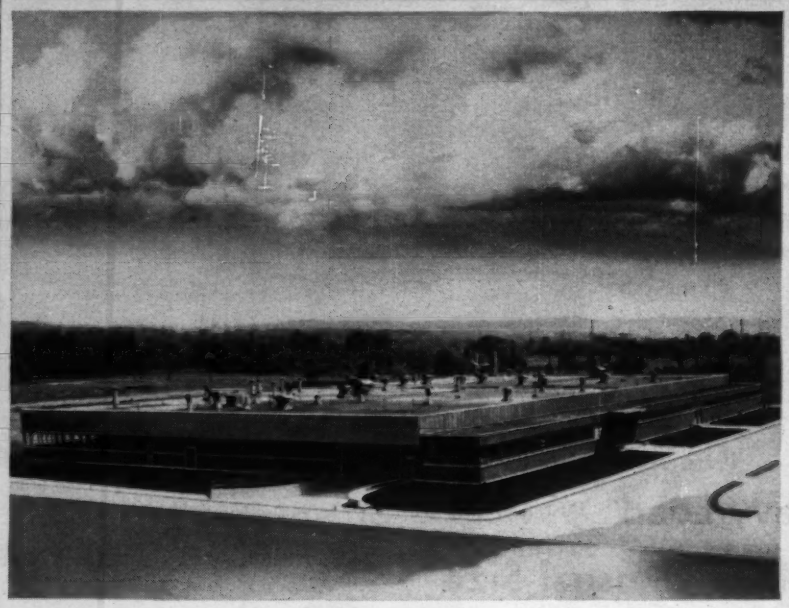

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backfilled to a depth of 3 ft. The material was to be compacted to 95% of optimum density. Equipment and methods that had produced adequate densities on material of this type elsewhere did not do so here. For this reason, the fill was rolled back and recompacted with multiple passes of water loaded sheepsfoot rollers.

Even with this treatment, in-place densities were found to be below desirable limits. Again the fill was rolled back and replaced in 3-in. layers with each layer being rolled by multiple passes of a 50-ton pneumatic compactor as well as the sheepsfoot rollers. A 6-in. thick layer of crushed rock base course tops the compacted backfill just below the reinforced concrete floor slab.

• **Precast walls**—The 8-in. thick building walls are all precast. Although a 6-in. thickness is generally considered the economical limit of precast walls actual savings resulted in this case.

Main reason for precasting the walls was to achieve speed in erection. The builders considered this to overweigh the disadvantages of very heavy and extremely high lifts. First floor panels were as big as 21x27 ft with panel weight ranging up to 63,000 lb. These panels were cast on the ground floor slab near the point of use.

Second and third floor panels were cast in a nearby yard well in advance of need. Thus, when the second story floor slab had been cast, work could start almost immediately on erection of panels. Weight of these upper floor panels averaged 22,000 lb and lifts were as high as 40 ft.

Flat slab construction, with 10-ft-square drop panels, is used for the second and third floor, thicknesses being 10 and 11 in. respectively. The concrete slabs are covered with a ¾-in. wearing surface. Ceiling height to the bottom of second floor slab is 27 ft.

The 4½-in. thick roof slab is supported by a steel beam and girder frame on steel H-columns. Columns are fireproofed with concrete and beams fireproofed with plaster. With the change from concrete to steel at third floor level, the column spacing was increased to 50 ft. Steel was erected by a 15-ton truck crane that was hoisted to the third floor. The heavy design loading made possible use of this heavy equipment without the addition of any shoring or bracing.

At second floor level, two bridges span 66 ft to connect with an existing facility. Steel through trusses form the bridges.

Building was designed and constructed by J. H. Pomeroy & Co., Inc., contractors and engineers of San Francisco.

For structural diaphragms on warehouses . . .

# Plywood Roofs for Economy

M. C. Conkey
Chief Structural Engineer
California Packing Corp.

Nearly half a million square feet of plywood roof diaphragms is being installed in a California Packing Corp. warehouse and factory construction program now nearing completion.

Plywood was selected over other type roofing on the basis of both strength and economy. It is strong enough to resist vertical loads and, through diaphragm action, plywood can help resist lateral forces. Economy has been shown during the program by alternate bidding. And designs have been developed for best use of this roofing material.

Poured gypsum and ribbed steel sheets were rejected for reasons of economy. Such roof decks are excellent in their place but are not economically feasible for a warehouse.

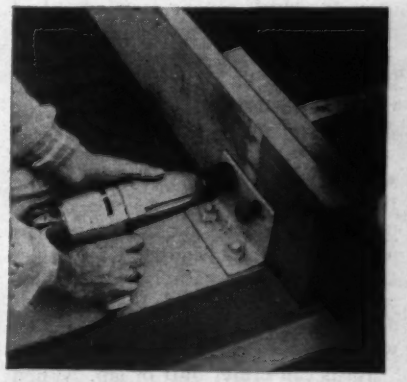
As for wood, the use of 2-in. t&g sheathing laid diagonally was abandoned in 1948 for all CalPack structures. Shrinkage due to the impossibility of obtaining seasoned lumber in volume was so great that the interlocking effect of the tongue and groove was mitigated. This permitted vertical movement of each individual board whenever anyone walked on the roof. Result was damage to built-up roofing; the life of one expensive 5 ply roof was reduced an estimated ½ due to this action.

Painting of the underside of the sheathing was unsatisfactory due to the necessity of treating many large knots with a sealer. The use of plywood has completely eliminated this objectionable feature. The painted ceiling is so greatly improved in appearance that plywood is now being used by CalPack for minor office installations.

Other disadvantages of 2-in. sheathing are: waste due to the end cuts on the diagonal sheathing, necessity for intermediate nailers on long spans, wastage due to rejection of large quantities of poor quality lumber and need to cover knot holes before placing roofing.

Finally, plywood has proven cheaper than t&g wood sheathing. Alternate bids showed a saving in excess of 5¢ per sq ft in favor of plywood.

• **Lateral strength important**—Decision to use plywood for roof diaphragms was spurred by research carried out by the Douglas Fir Plywood Association (ENR Jan. 24, 1952, p. 30). Ability of plywood to resist a portion of the horizontal forces was



**JOISTS ARE BOLTED** to clip angles fastened to upper flange of supporting steel beam. This assures accurate joist positioning and speeds plywood nailing. Joists can be either lapped or butted.

**CLEAT IS SCREWED** to plywood to assure diaphragm action in both directions. Cleats can be limited to 12-in. length but can extend full distance between joists if desirable for appearance.

## . . . Plywood roofs for economy

an important factor in design of the CalPack warehouse program.

The buildings have large enclosed areas—40,000 to 50,000 sq ft—and a minimum clearance height of 22 ft. This together with heavy wall loads—concrete or brick—adding to the weight of steel beams produces high horizontal shears. The handling of these loads was further complicated by the elimination of all knee braces and any interior vertical bracing.

Solution of this problem can best be described by illustrating with an actual case, a new CalPack warehouse at Emeryville, Calif. This structure is long and narrow (644x120 ft) with one transverse fire wall in the center. This wall resolved the building into two units with a length to depth ratio of 2.68. Main horizontal force comes from the long sides.

In a preliminary study two alternate roof framing systems were considered. The first consisted of continuous parallel chord wood trusses every 20 ft. Carrying trusses down the center lines of the building supported every other truss with center columns spaced at 40 ft. Horizontal forces were to be carried by a horizontal wood truss system to the end walls.

The second alternate proposed the use of rigid frame transverse bents every 40 ft with a longitudinal steel carrying beam down the center of the building. This carrying beam was to support a continuous intermediate roof beam every 40 ft. In other words, the roof joists would be supported every 20 ft either by a continuous bent or a continuous roof beam.

Deflection tests made on full-scale plywood sheathed roof diaphragms by the Douglas Fir Plywood Association and the Oregon Forest Products Laboratory suggested to the writer that an entirely new approach to the solution of this problem could be made. As a result, the lateral forces were distributed between the roof diaphragm and the rigid frame bents in proportion to their respective rigidities. This solution is believed to be unique for overcoming the excessive shears in the diaphragm.

The rigid frame bents consisted of heavily reinforced concrete wall pilasters with a steel column at the center of the building, all with moment connections at top and bottom. As the wall pilasters had to be built, it was inexpensive to convert them into moment carrying members.

A careful analysis of these two alternate framing plans indicated that the steel and concrete construction would be cheaper than the all-wood system. Subsequent firm bids for the steel proved it to be far cheaper than anticipated.

In the Emeryville warehouse the main horizontal force acts in one direction only—at right angles to the joists and parallel to the free edges of the sheets. It was decided to use ½-in. plywood supported by joists at 24-in. centers and omit cleats, bridging.

In another new warehouse in Oakland ⅜ in. plywood, cleated, was used. This building has a length to depth ratio very near unity indicating that an equal horizontal force could come from all directions. The cleats, a development of Berkeley Plywood Co., are needed to provide shear resistance parallel to the free edges of the plywood sheets. The screwed cleats should be a minimum of ⅜ in. thick and 2½ in. wide. Length of cleats can be limited to 12 in. But, if a better appearing ceiling is desired, cleats can extend the full distance between joists.

The use of blocking rather than screwed plywood cleats to close the free edges of the plywood was never seriously considered. Reason is the plywood cleat is dry and won't split or lose its holding power. Thus intermediate blocking between the roof joists was eliminated throughout the entire program. In an average building such an item would be comparatively insignificant. But, when a structure approaches 100,000 sq ft, every structural detail must be carefully scrutinized to determine whether it is absolutely necessary.

To further insure complete continuity of diaphragm action all skylights and other large openings in the roof were completely eliminated as costly luxuries. The largest roof openings were for 30-in. rotary vents.

In connection with selection of thickness, there are some good arguments for ½-in. plywood. In some cases the cleats can be omitted. And the joist spacing can be increased to 30 in. if desired. In addition, the roofing felts can be stapled to ½-in. plywood more satisfactorily than to the ⅜-in. if roofer elected this method.

• **Joists bolted to beams**—In designing the work, a detail was developed that provided positive anchorage of the joists to the steel beams. Clip angles (5x3x¼ in.) were either shop welded or bolted to the steel beams at exactly 4 ft centers. Every other joist was bolted to these clip angles.

Joists can either butt or lap. When they butt they must be carefully trimmed to insure maximum bearing and a proper edge distance for the bolts. When joists lap no trimming is necessary and good bearing is insured. However, a longer stick must be used. And the plywood sheets must be slightly staggered at the joints. After using both details, CalPack engineers have standardized on butt joints.

The clip angles have another great advantage from the practical standpoint. Exact spacing of roof joists insures a perfect fit of the plywood sheets which must meet in the center of the joist to get proper nailing.

• **Specification details**—Prior to writing the specifications for the first units of the program an investigation disclosed that there were many grades, sizes, and thickness of plywood available. But, it was found that only sheets of certain sizes and thickness were obtainable in large quantities. To insure uniformity and a high quality it was deemed advisable to specify panels bearing the Douglas Fir Plywood Association stamp Plyscord C-D and to keep design requirements within the ¼ to ¾ in. available thickness of the product.

Some concern was felt regarding the damage a hard rain would do to exposed Plyscord nailed in place but not yet covered by the roofing. One large roof in the program was caught in the rain and thoroughly soaked several times with no ascertainable damage to the ⅜-in sheets. But, whenever unusual moisture conditions are to be encountered such as outside canopies or ceilings exposed to steam, the exterior-type, waterproof-glue plywood should be specified.

For maximum strength it is essential that the panels be laid with the face-grain perpendicular to the supporting joists. As this feature could be overlooked in the rush to complete a roof it should be called for in the specifications and shown on the sheeting and nailing diagram.

Nailing schedule for ends of panels bearing on framing members should be computed in accordance with values covered in the Uniform Building Code of PCBOC. Nail size should also be covered.

The writer is convinced that the best sheathing installation can be obtained by sub-contracting the work to plywood specialists and this was suggested in the specifications.

This building program is being carried out under supervision of H. A. Calkins, chief engineer, California Packing Corporation. The author, formerly with CalPack, is now senior design engineer with the San Francisco office of the H. K. Ferguson Co.

Valuable service was rendered, both in preparing the specifications and in giving practical advice, by Henry Bacon of the Berkeley Plywood Co., Oakland, Calif.

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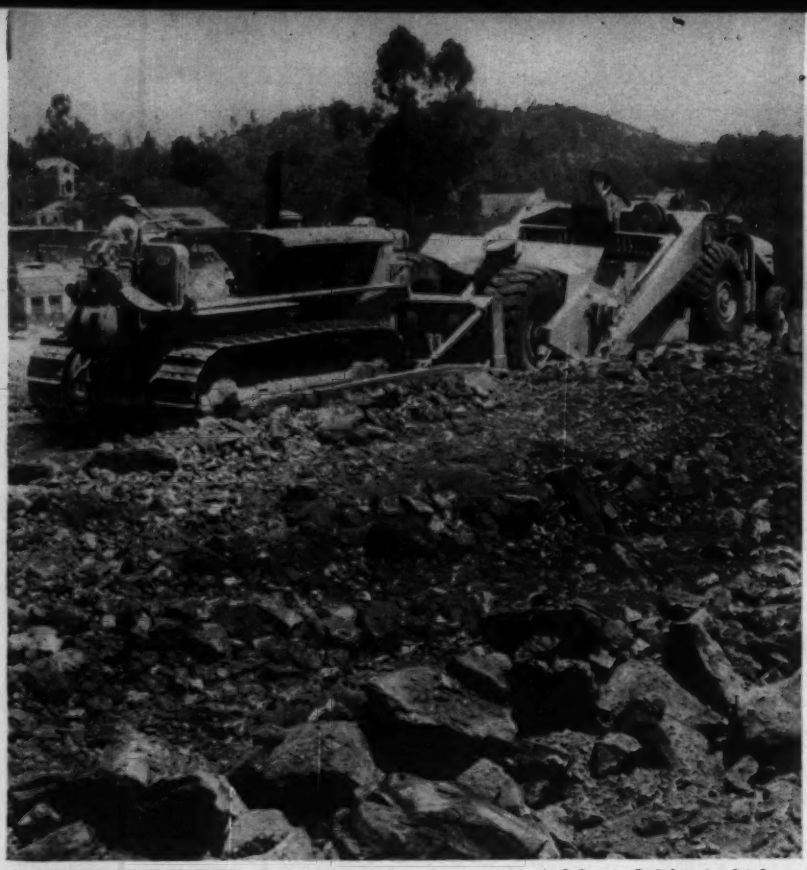


SCRAPER IS LOADED in rock cut that is typical of 9.3-mi California highway job. Excavation totaling 1,702,000 cu yd is being handled entirely by scrapers.

# Scrapers Handle 9-mi of Rock

On a job where most contractors would make extensive use of shovel and truck operations, Madonna Construction Co. of San Luis Obispo, Calif., is moving entirely by scraper 1,702,000 cu yd of highway excavation—most of it compacted shale. This rather daring construction feat is being carried out on a 9.3-mi stretch of U. S. 101, halfway between San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Completing the $3-million contract in 270 days, as is required, would be a relatively easy task if only grading were involved. But the work also includes structures and paving. And some of the excavation goes into super fills that have a 5-ft surcharge to be left in place two to five months to settle foundation soils.

The work is part of the California Division of Highways' program of converting the major north-south coastal route to freeway standards. It will provide a four-lane divided highway that bypasses the towns of Atascadero and Santa Margarita. The existing highway—two miles longer—is only two lanes wide and is the main street of these two towns. The new highway will have four 12-ft lanes and a 36-ft median strip. It will have limited access but will not be a complete freeway in that there are two crossings at grade for little used side roads. There are, however, four grade separations plus pedestrian undercrossings and farm service undercrossings. Construction is due to be completed April 5, 1956.

In the bidding early this year, Madonna Construction Co.'s tender of $2,965,000 was $270,000 below the next bidder. It is likely that much of the reason for the low bid was Madonna's determination to make extensive use of carrying scrapers. For the 1,702,000 cu yd of roadway excavation Madonna's bid was 27¢ per cu yd. Another significant excavation bid figure was the $0.003 per station yard for the 18,700,000 station yards of overhaul. (Biggest bid item, however, was 56,300 cu yd of pavement concrete bid at $13.50).

• **Grading by scrapers**—Madonna Construction Co. has on the job almost two dozen Wooldridge carrying scrapers varying in capacity from 17 to 26 cu yd. The scrapers do all the excavation work, even in the hard shale that predominates. The operation is extremely rough on the equipment—but down-time does not seem to be too great. Most of the cuts have to be prepared for scraper operations by extensive ripping.

The contractor puts more value on operator time than on equipment rental cost. Extra carrying scrapers are kept in a standby capacity. Thus, when a scraper is down for servicing or repair, the operator can be switched to the standby unit. Actually the standbys are older equipment owned by the contractor that probably would lie idle anyway.

Scraper operations are generally split into three spreads. From four to twelve units operate in each spread depending upon the yardage to be moved, length of haul, and available working room. A single push-cat can handle loading in a four-scraper spread. Where there are more scrapers, two push-cats are needed.

All of the spreads are carefully balanced. That is, there is just the right number of push-cats and rippers servicing the cut and the right number of tractors, graders, rollers and sprinkling trucks servicing the fill to keep the work running smoothly.

Each cut is carefully evaluated for best scraper loading. In some material, the scrapers can be fully loaded where the surface is flat. Other materials require steeper loading conditions.

All the excavation goes into fills. But not all the fills are routine. As was mentioned earlier, there are several settlement fills where a surcharge of 4 to 5 ft is placed above final grade to settle the underlying soil. There is a total of 36 stations of settlement fills, the longest single one of which is 13 stations long. As would be expected, the specifications required the settlement fills to be first-order work. They are to be left in place from two to five months, thus the necessity for placing them early.

On another fill the subsoil is a very light-weight diatomaceous shale. This material runs only 68 pcf and expands when wet. In this case a 2-ft thickness of the subgrade was removed and wasted. This was replaced by imported subgrade. Purpose is to keep

RIPPER PREPARES CUT for scraper operation. One key to success of scraper operations is thorough breakup of hard shale.

SOME CUTS ARE HIGH but all excavation has been handled by scrapers hauled by rubber-tired tractors.

FILL IS PROCESSED by sprinkler truck and grader as scraper speeds over carefully tended haul roads. Properly equipped fill operations result in better compaction and quicker scraper turnaround.

BULLDOZER SPREADS FILL left by two scrapers as another approaches with load. Slotted, steel-wheeled roller compacts fill.

the subsoil dry to prevent swelling that might warp the concrete paving.

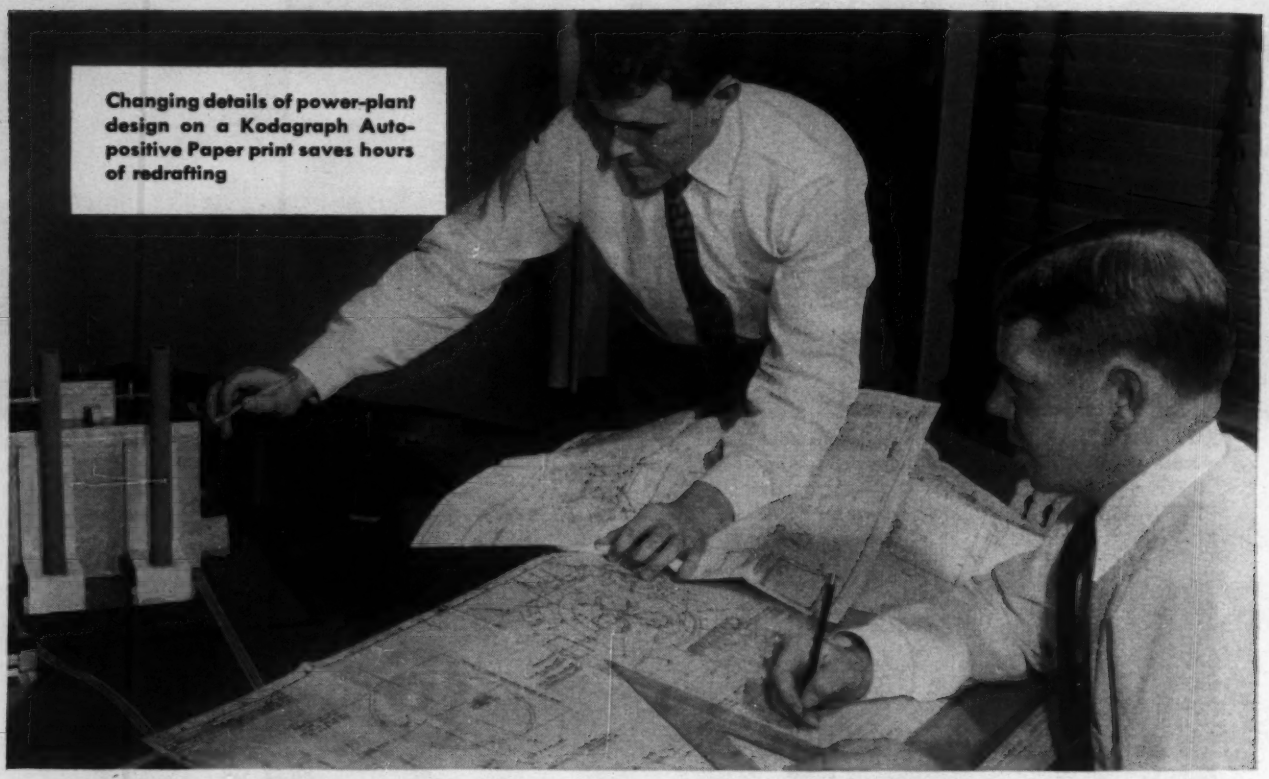
• **Tight time schedule**—the 270-working day time limit on the job means that contractor operations have to be maintained at a high level. In the first four months on this job, the contractor moved a million cubic yards of material. Best month was close to 400,000 cu yd. Maximum working day was 23,000 cu yd. That was on one shift operation.

Fill work must proceed swiftly to permit time for paving. The structural work—four grade separations and two stream crossings—will be done during the entire working period.

Reason for the tight time schedule is that the California Division of Highways wants to provide highway users with an improved facility at the earliest possible date. That's also why in this instance grading, paving and structures are lumped in one contract. A secondary reason for the short-term, large-sized contract is that it conserves on the critical supply of engineering personnel. The staff of inspection personnel will be freed sooner to take on other work. And, by lumping it into one big job fewer inspection personnel are required.

The Atascadero-Santa Margarita Freeway is a project of the California Division of Highways, G. T. McCoy, state highway engineer. The work is planned and supervised by the staff of District V, E. J. L. Peterson, district engineer. Resident engineer is G. D. Gardner.

Supervising the work for Madonna Construction Co. is Alex Madonna, project engineer, with R. W. Osborn acting as general superintendent.



Changing details of power-plant design on a Kodagraph Autopositive Paper print saves hours of redrafting

## Toledo Edison Company reports on its use of Autopositive—

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Shortly after Kodagraph Autopositive Paper was introduced, the Toledo Edison Company, Toledo, Ohio, began exploring its possibilities for engineering drawing reproduction.

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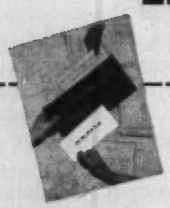

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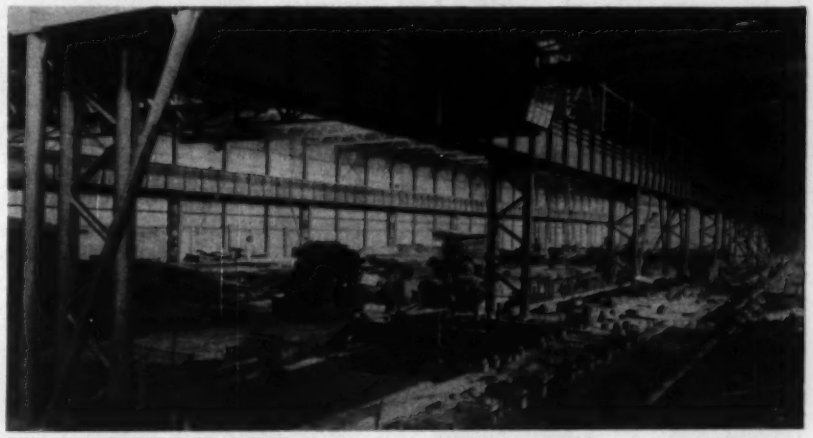
# Steel Pipe Factory Is Built of Pipe

The first interesting fact about a new plant for manufacturing resistance-welded steel pipe, which was dedicated two weeks ago at Port Moody, near Vancouver, Canada, is that it is German—in financing, ownership, machinery and even building framing. And its second noteworthy feature is that the main structural elements—principal columns, roof trusses and bracing—are all fabricated from steel pipe using welded construction.

Canadian Western Pipe Mills, Ltd., is the name of the owner of this first German import into far western Canada, and it is a subsidiary of the pipe manufacturing firm of Phoenix-Rheinrohr of Mulheim-Ruhr, West Germany. The purpose of the new facility is to furnish both black and galvanized pipe in diameters from ½ to 4½ in. to the expanding construction and industrial market of western Canada. The cost of this 60,000-ton capacity plant was $6 million, and it was announced at the dedication ceremonies that an additional investment of about the same magnitude is being planned to enlarge the plant to enable it to manufacture other sizes of pipe up to 16 in. diam.

The 136,000 sq ft plant contains four bays. The main manufacturing bay is 107 ft wide and 700 ft long, and beside it is a pickling and galvanizing bay 72 ft wide and 450 ft long. At right angels to these bays at one end are two more bays 72 and 40 ft wide and 251 ft long, one for material preparation and storage and the other for offices. All of these bays are spanned by welded pipe trusses, fabricated in the parent company's plant in Germany and shipped to the job in 35 and 40 ft lengths. Each bay is also equipped with a crane runway so that the crane girders carry the columns that support the roof trusses and in turn are carried on columns that double as the main building columns. These later columns are in the form of braced pipe bents, also prefabricated in Germany.

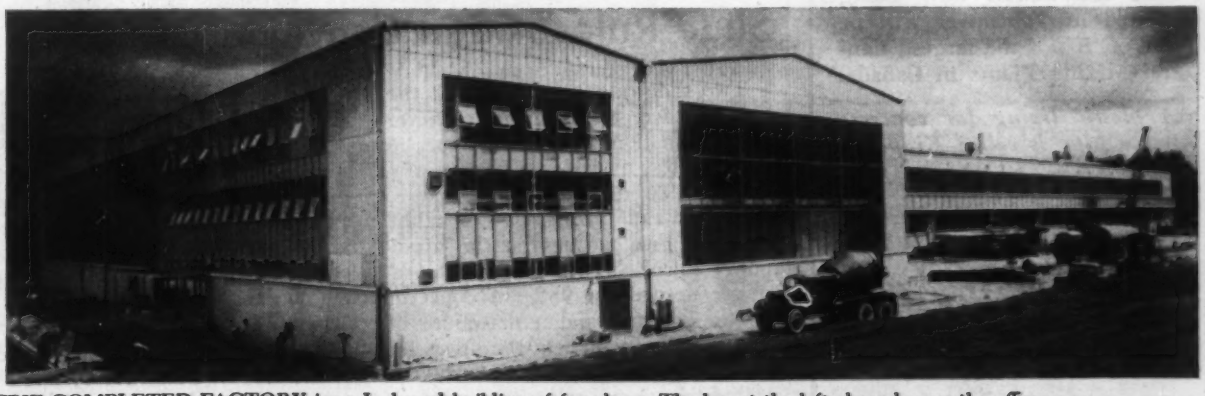
**WELDED PIPE TRUSSES, prefabricated in Germany, span bays of pipe factory.**



**MAIN COLUMNS ARE BRACED PIPE bents fabricated by welding. They support the crane girders and in some cases the outside walls as well.**

Building enclosure consists of an 8-ft-high base course of 4 in. thick precast concrete panels and above that wire glass sash and cement-asbestos sheet. Because the soil is loose silt and gravel over a dense glacial till, spread footing foundations could be used only for the lighter loads or where some settlement could be countenanced, concrete piles were used—of the displacement caisson type, of 8, 10 and 22 in. diameters with the latter designed for loads of 110 tons.

Consulting engineer on the job was B. D. Bohna, J. L. Miller & Co. of Vancouver while the owner acted as his own general contractor using some sixteen Canadian firms as sub contractors.



**THE COMPLETED FACTORY is an L shaped building of four bays. The bay at the left above houses the offices.**

# COMMENT
*from the*
**BUTLER ENGINEER**

**—of potash—quicksand and planes**

A quick trip to northern Canada. They're working an enormous potash deposit there, 3000 feet underground. How did they find it? Simple. They were drilling for oil.

They've dug a hole to the potash that is 16 feet in diameter. Really a difficult job, for first they had to blast and drill to a great depth. Then they hit many feet of quicksand. To get through this they froze it. That's what I said — froze it! Brought in huge refrigerating equipment. How's *your* Deepfreeze working? Try some of our frozen quicksand. Delicious on strawberries.

Now they're lining that huge vertical tunnel to Hell with concrete. That of course was why I was there. And it's a project in itself. Naturally it's a Butler Plant they will be using.

Your Butler Engineer is the reason the airlines are paying dividends. In talking with a pilot, I gave him my total passenger hours in the past month. He figured a moment and then said "That's considerable more time in the air than our DC-3 pilots put in!"

It's not all unmitigated pleasuse. In a recent 3-day period I was "stacked up" over airports for a total of 11½ hours. Weather, of course.

Notes made in flight: A BUTLER installation now being erected in Vancouver will be one of, if not the largest, Central Mixing Plants in Canada.

*A plastic lining for concrete sewer pipe is called Krapcote. Appropriate, what?*

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# NEW PRODUCTS

## Paving Vibrator Mounts on Spreader

A new high-cycle full slab paving vibrator attachment is designed for mounting on any concrete spreader or finisher for use in the construction of airport runways, aprons and highway pavements.

Said to be capable of vibrating full slabs as much as 25 ft wide to depths of 19 in. with Model HFSV-3 vibrators and thinner slabs with Model HPV-3 vibrators, the attachment mounts directly on the spreader or finisher. It consists of a lightweight, durable, sectional steel frame on which up to 10 spring-suspended concrete vibrators are mounted. No auxiliary carriage is required.

The frame and vibrators are raised, lowered and positioned by double-acting hydraulic cylinders mounted on adjustable brackets. A four-way, three-position valve connected to the spreader or finisher's hydraulic system controls the cylinders. Vibrators are turned on and off by a switch located within reach of the spreader operator.

Model HFSV-3 and HPV-3 vibrators operate on 180 cycle, 120 v, 3 phase current. Similar in design and construction to standard high-cycle vibrators, they are spring mounted on brackets which permit adjustment of vibrator angle and depth. Model HFSV-3 is mounted for near-vertical immersion in the concrete. Model HPV-3 is mounted for horizontal immersion. Both operate with heads completely submerged. The vibrators produce low amplitude vibrations, with frequencies from 5,000 to 10,000 vpm obtainable by regulating generator speed. According to the manufacturer, they will handle the stiff concrete mixes commonly specified for airport and highway pavements.

Power to operate ten vibrators is supplied by an 18.7 kva generator with built-in exciter and voltage regulator of the magnetic amplifier type. Initial excitation is furnished by a 6-v battery. The generator is driven by a 4 cylin-

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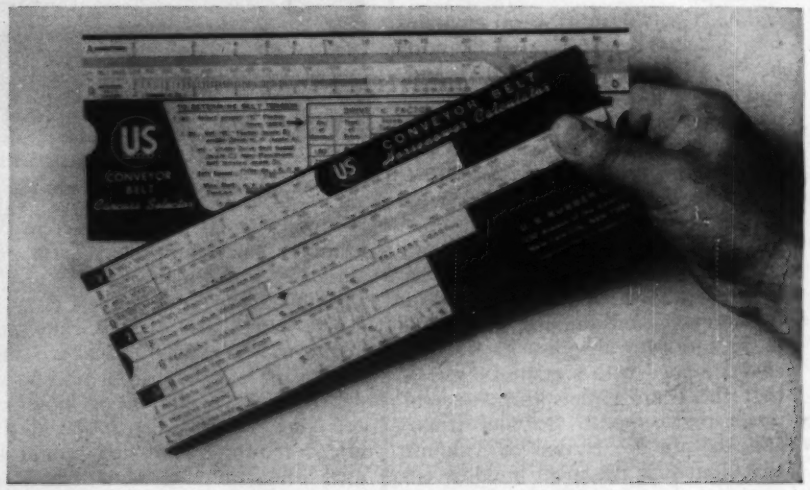


## Slide Rules Aid in Conveyor Design

Two slide rules are said to cut the time needed to design a conveyor belt installation from three hours to ten minutes.

The slide rules are a horsepower calculator and carcass, or belt fabric selector. Five settings on the horsepower calculator will give the horsepower needed for 98% of conveyor belting systems, and a maximum of seven settings will yield the drives for level, incline or decline, manually operated tripper and self-tripper systems.

The carcass selector will pick the right belt fabric for any conveyor belting system, as well as the maximum and minimum number of plies for proper troughing, and minimum pulley diameters for the entire system—take-up, drive, tripper and idler pulleys. This rule will select the correct belt fabrics, once the horsepower is known, in only two settings.

The rules are available on request. U. S. Rubber Co., 1230 Avenue of the Americas, New York 20, N. Y.

# Now! Do All Three Clearing Jobs with One HOMELITE Chain Saw

***New Versatile Attachments for Model 17 Chain Saw Will Clear Everything from Brush and Brambles to Four-Foot Trees. Save Money on Equipment and Job Time by Following These Three Steps:***

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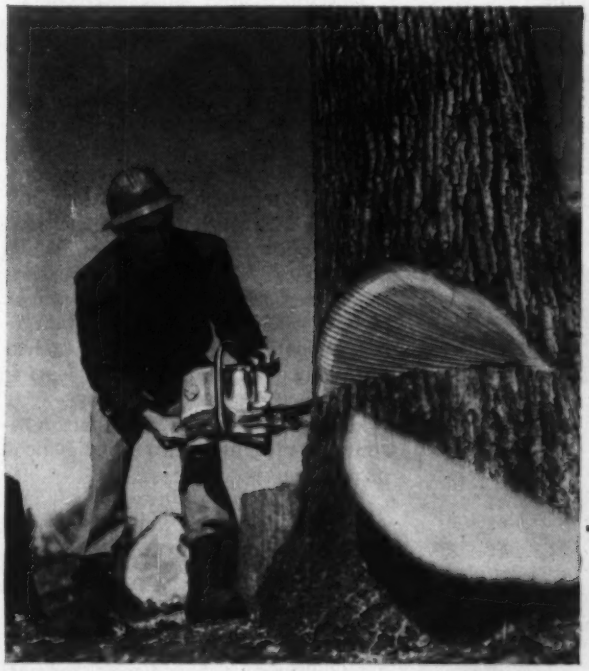

**2 Clear Small Trees and Saplings** — In a jiffy the new Homelite Clearing Attachment converts your Homelite Model 17 Chain Saw to a fast-cutting, light-weight clearing tool. Plunge cuts or plunge bucks and makes limbing an easy job. Open guide rail prevents pinching and binding . . . takes the backache out of knocking the small ones down and cutting them up for haulage.

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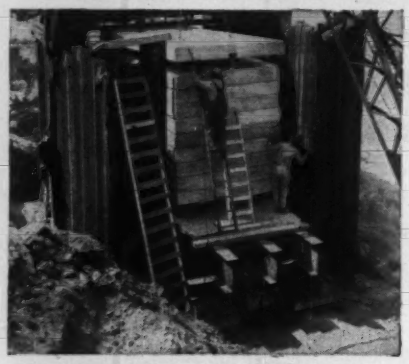

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The engine and generator are skid mounted for installation on any spreader or finisher, and the manufacturer also offers other sizes of generators for applications where fewer vibrators are required. Individual receptacles for vibrator cables are enclosed in a sectional box conduit mounted on the spreader or finisher.

The attachment is furnished as a complete package consisting of frame, brackets, vibrators, hydraulic cylinders, valve and piping, conduits, control switch, cables, engine-generator, plus necessary mounting hardware. Detailed installation instructions and mounting drawings are also supplied. MAGINNISS POWER TOOL CO., 134 SPRUCE ST., MANSFIELD, OHIO.

## Device Converts Hand Drill To Handy Drill Sharpener

According to the manufacturer, anyone can sharpen a drill to the right point angle with Sav-a-dril, a new sharpener complete with grinding wheel.

Using the power from any electric hand drill, the sharpener will handle any size drill bit from $\frac{1}{16}$ to $\frac{1}{4}$ in. Its 20-in. diameter fine grit grinding wheel is mounted on a $\frac{1}{4}$-in. shaft. An extension of the shaft fits the chuck of any electric hand drill.

The Sav-a-dril can be used wherever the drill is used. It may be held in a vise, screwed to a bench or board, or merely placed on a flat surface for operation. There are no adjustments to make as the drill holder is preset at 59 deg, the angle generally accepted for most drilling uses.

To sharpen a drill, the user simply clamps the attachment in the electric drill's chuck. The dull drill bit is placed in the holder; one of its cutting edges is aligned with the center of the grinding wheel, and the electric drill is started. Guided by the holder, the drill is pivoted once or twice with an easy, natural motion to produce a properly contoured point. A gage for checking the angle and centering the re-sharpened point is part of the unit.

Sav-a-dril is priced at $2.95, complete. POPULAR MFG. CO., 4115 GLENCREST RD., MINNEAPOLIS 5, MINN.

SHARPENER includes grinding wheel, positioner and gage for checking drill angle.

## Modular Diffuser Is Dirt-Proof and Has Low Price Tag

A small, standardized version of the Multi-Vent air diffuser is reported to offer the same advantages of draftless air conditioning and uniform temperature control but at lowered cost. The manufacturer states that the advantages of the panel unit also apply to heating and ventilating systems.

The diffuser, which is called "Modular" Multi-Vent, employs a perforated ceiling panel to introduce air into a room vertically and at low velocity. The perforations reduce the high velocity of air in the duct from 1,000 to 1,500 fpm to 40 or 50 fpm as it leaves the Multi-Vent panel.

Developed after three years of research, the modular unit is said to make possible low cost installations with wide flexibility. Further, it is reported to be suited to ceiling of acoustical treatment, illumination, fireproofing, and radiant heating and cooling.

The diffuser can be concealed completely if required, and it does not interfere with movement of partitions such as office walls and shelves. Walls or partitions can be moved adjacent to or even bisecting a panel without disturbing effective air distribution.

Dirt marks and smudges are said to be eliminated because the air leaving the diffuser moves vertically—away from the ceiling—rather than horizontally, preventing dirt impingement on these areas.

The modular diffuser panels are available for the most widely used types of ceilings—metal pan, plaster and acoustic tile—as well as for exposed duct applications.

The units run in price from $5.75 up. Eight Modular Multi-Vent units would be required in a room measuring 25x25x12 ft, having an average heat load. Total cost for the air diffusers in this "average" situation would be $46.00. PYLE-NATIONAL CO., DEPT. M-V, 1334 N. KOSTNER AVE., CHICAGO 51, ILL.

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# BOOKS

## You Can Escape the A-Bomb

THE BOMB, SURVIVAL AND YOU—By Fred N. Severud and Anthony F. Merrill. 264 pp. Reinhold Publishing Corp., 430 Park Ave., New York 22, N. Y. $5.95.

TECHNICAL SUPPLEMENT TO THE BOMB, SURVIVAL AND YOU—By Fred N. Severud and Kurt Bernhard. 45 pp. Reinhold Publishing Corp. $2.50.

Much can be done now to save lives and reduce property damage from a future A-bomb or H-bomb blast. This book emphasizes that fact and offers many practical, low-cost suggestions ranging from construction of inexpensive home shelters and reinforcing of existing buildings to improved designs for future buildings.

The authors analyze the problems posed to city planners, building owners, civil defense officials and building designers by the development of nuclear weapons. They examine the nature of a nuclear blast and indicate the steps that can be taken for protection of life and property.

One of the authors—Severud—is an outstanding structural engineer. His recommendations for strengthening structures against blast should be considered seriously. Many of his suggestions are novel and very simple.

Nearly all the book's proposals for protective measures follow logically from past experience with the A-bomb. However, the authors offer one recommendation that in the light of information recently made available appears to be questionable: ". . . the likelihood that large masses of the population will spend hours at a time in shelters during an atomic attack does not follow a realistic understanding of the use of this new weapon. . . . The essence of our approach to the shelter question is this: the atomic bomb shelter must be designed for short-time use. . . ." Recently, the danger of radioactive fallout over a considerable distance from ground zero has been pointed out by the Atomic Energy Commission, and it now appears that a stay of several days in shelters might be necessary until radioactivity decays to a safe value.

The book is unusually well written and should be very useful to building designers in improving their concepts of the effects of nuclear weapons and in developing low-cost protective measures.

The technical supplement, a paper-covered booklet sold separately, presents a mathematical investigation of the deformations that might occur

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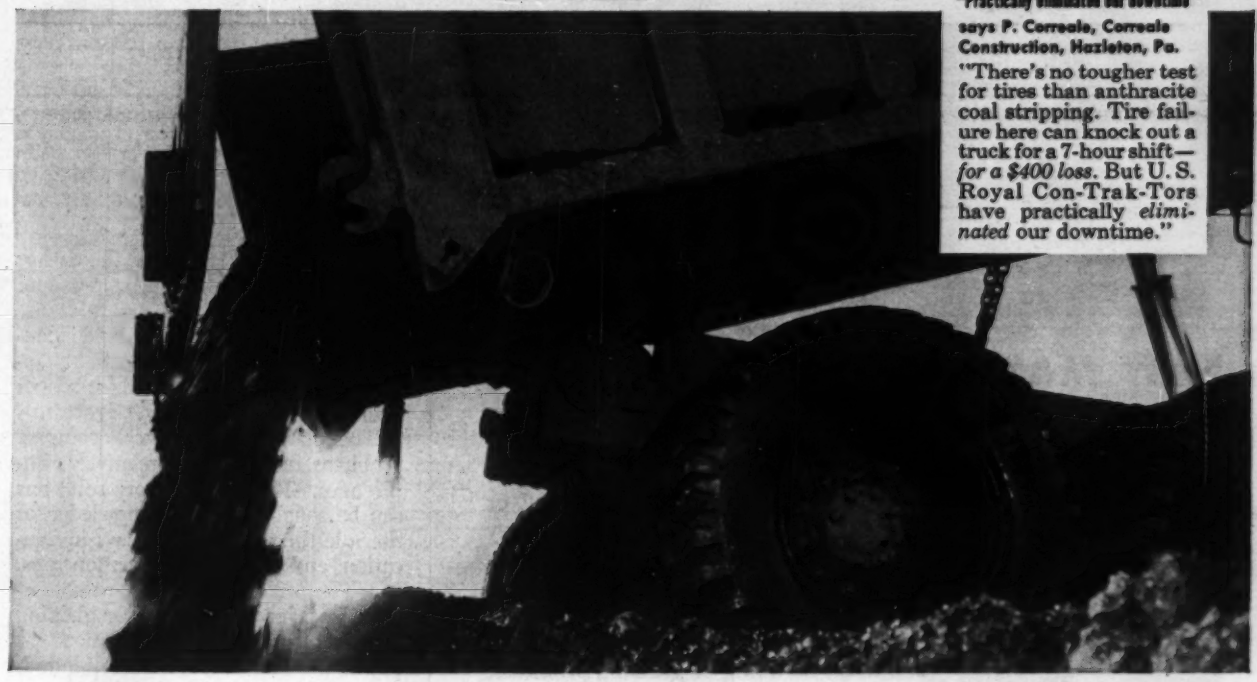

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under blast loading in a one-way reinforced concrete slab. It is useful as a demonstration of the techniques required for an investigation of the effects of dynamic loading and nonelastic strains. The procedure adopted by the authors, however, appears to be too complicated for practical use in predicting the behavior of ordinary structures under blast loading.

## How to Plan Schools

TOWARD BETTER SCHOOL DESIGN—by William W. Caudill. 271 pp. F. W. Dodge Corp. 119 W. 40th St., New York 18, N. Y. $12.75.

With the right approach, the author contends in this book, "our school building problems will unfold naturally into logical, simple and beautiful solutions." And the right approach, he believes, is to make school planning a problem-solving process.

The first step is to break complex problems into separate, relatively simple ones. Then, satisfactory solutions can be sought based on knowledge of the role the school plant plays in education and community relationships. Much helpful information for this purpose is given in chapters explaining the relationship of school plant to pupil, methods of education, indoor environment and city planning.

Of course, in evaluating any solution, costs must be considered. So the author wisely has included an informative chapter on the factors affecting economy.

As a further aid in applying the problem-solving approach to school design, the book also offers 91 brief case studies. Each states the specific problem, outlines the approach adopted to solve the problem and explains the particular solution. Material for the book was obtained not only from the author's experience as a specialist in school design but also from the experience of leading architects and educators and from research carried out at the Texas Engineering Experiment Station.

## Reports and Pamphlets

PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRD SOUTHERN MUNICIPAL AND INDUSTRIAL WASTE CONFERENCE—322 pp. The Technical Press, P. O. Box 5245, State College Station, Raleigh, N. C. $1.50.

PIPE FRICTION MANUAL—Hydraulic Institute, 122 East 42nd St., New York 17. $1.75.

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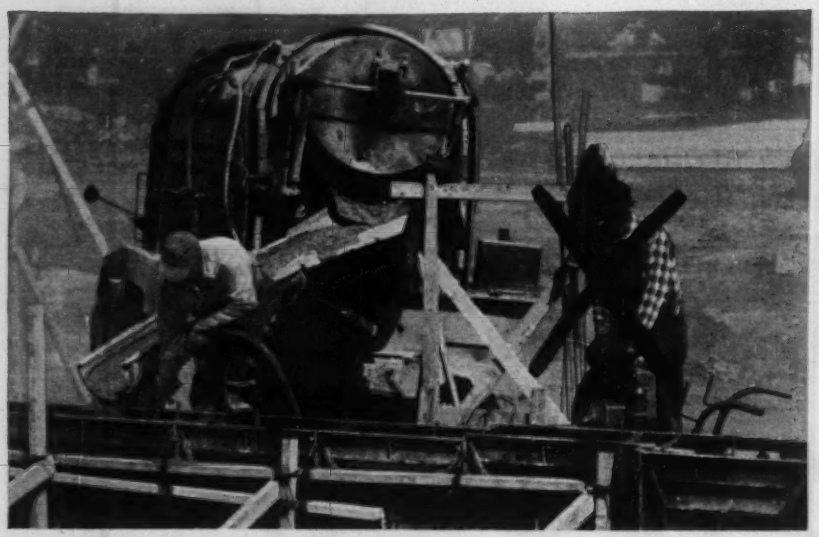

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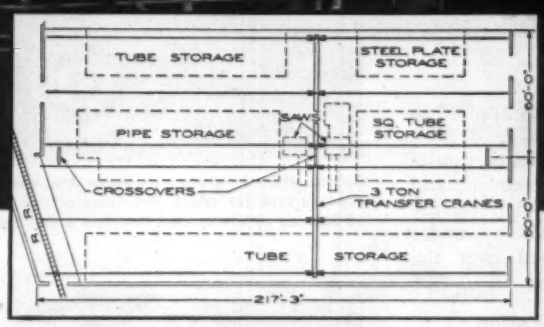


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# Bitumuls Black Seal puts new life in city streets

Bitumuls Black Seal, consisting of a single application of Bitumuls emulsified asphalt, puts new life in weathered pavement surfaces.

Engineers of Merced and Fresno, California, inspect pavement to be revitalized.

Before. Here is a representative dry, weathered surface for which Engineers of the City of Merced recommended Bitumuls Black Seal.

After. Notice the tight, uniform texture obtained by a single Black Seal application. No tendency toward fatness or bleeding.

## Merced, California, treats 140,000 square yards at cost of $1050

A recent survey of residential streets in one section of Merced, California, indicated that the paved surfaces were starting to deteriorate at an alarming rate. Some were streets originally built of concrete and later resurfaced with a one-inch asphalt plant-mix overlay. Others were plant-mix surfacing on a rock base.

For those surfaces that were seriously cracked, broken or ravelled, specifications were drawn up calling for Bitumuls® Surface Treatments (either Single or Double, with chip-cover).

### Preventive Maintenance Indicated

On many of the streets, however, the surfaces while still in relatively good condition were oxidized, dry and open-textured. The Engineers realized that unless some form of "preventive maintenance" were undertaken, these surfaces would soon require extensive repairs and possibly complete resurfacing. What they needed was a method of revitalizing these surfaces, plus the placement of additional binder to seal the interstices against water damage.

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Dry and open-textured paved surfaces are not peculiar to Merced. This method of economically extending pavement life merits investigation by communities in every part of the country. *Specifications on Black Seal, and on Bitumuls Surface Treatments, are available on request.*

**COST SUMMARY**

| ITEM | I Black Seal | II Single Chip Seal with Black Seal | III Double Chip Seal with Black Seal |
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| Labor (including Rock Haul) | $210 | $168 | $602 |
| Bitumuls RS-1 at 10c per gal. | | 160 | 829 |
| Bitumuls SS-2 at 11c per gal. | 840 | 90 | 396 |
| ½" Crushed Rock at $2.35 per ton | | | 668 |
| ⅜" Crushed Rock at $2.35 per ton | | 151 | |
| ¼" Crushed Rock at $3.35 per ton | | | 50 |
| Total Cost (labor & materials) | $1050 | $569 | $2945 |
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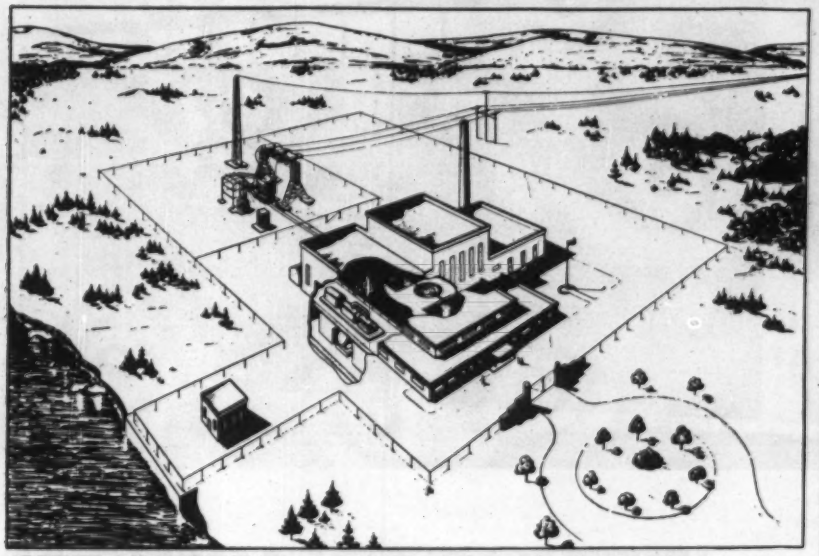
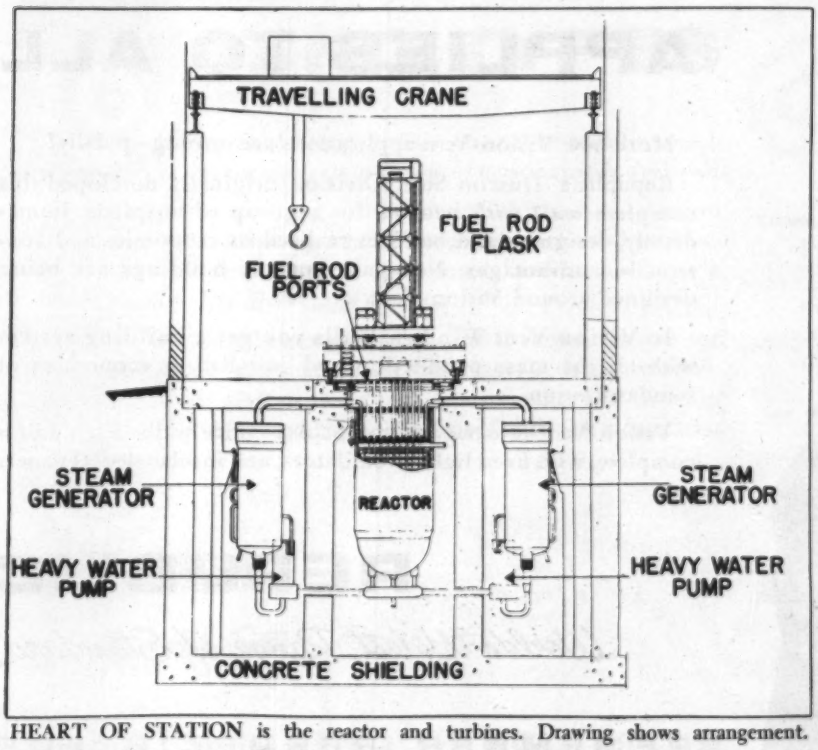


ARTIST'S CONCEPTION shows general layout of Canada's first atomic power station.




HEART OF STATION is the reactor and turbines. Drawing shows arrangement.

## Canada Reveals Atomic Generator Plan

A preliminary description of Canada's first atomic power station—known as the "Nuclear Power Demonstration"—has been presented at the Canadian exhibit at the International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy in Geneva.

The station is to be built by a combined force of engineers and scientists employed by government and private industry and will be located at the power station of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario near the village of Des Joachims on the Ottawa River, about 150 miles northwest of Ottawa. It will be an experimental station, generating from 10,000 to 20,000 kw, and the cost of the power produced is not expected to be

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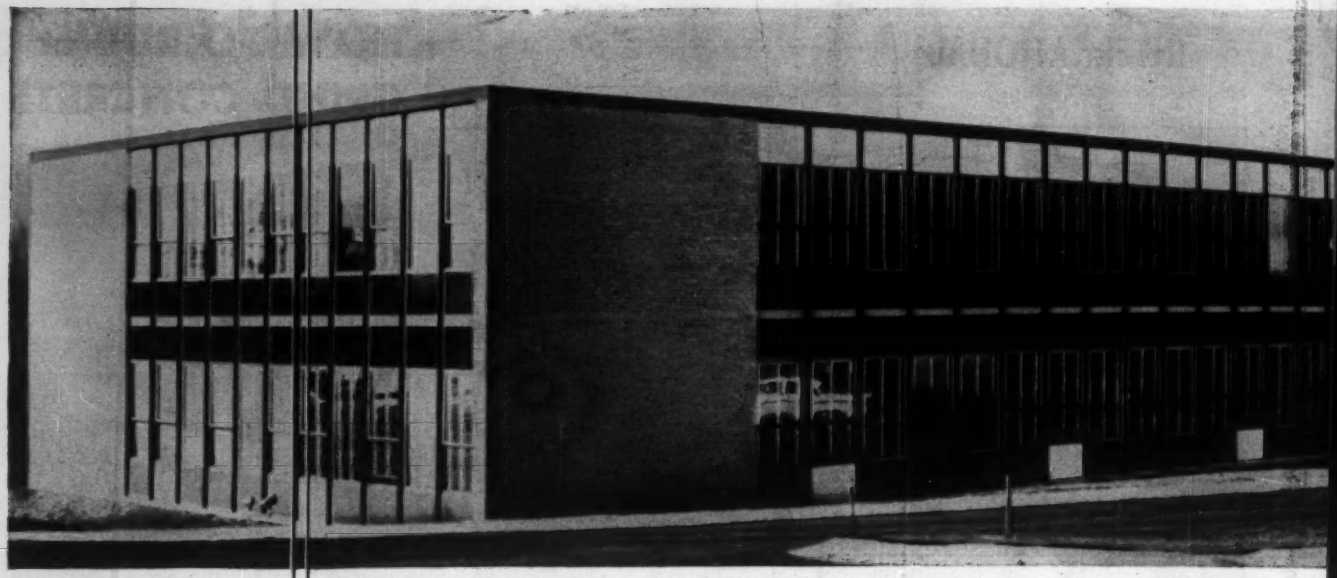

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While the design and construction of the Nuclear Power Demonstration goes forward, a preliminary design study for a 100,000 kw station will be carried out by a group composed of engineers and scientists from various power companies throughout Canada and from the staff of Atomic Energy of Canada, Ltd. The detailed design and construction of such a station, and of future atomic power stations in Canada, would be the joint responsibility of private industry and of the various power companies.

The estimated cost of a 20,000 kw plant of the design envisioned is just over $11 million. This figure does not include the cost of development work nor the cost of the land. Atomic Energy of Canada, Ltd. will pay the major portion of the cost of the reactor, which has been estimated at about $8 million, provide nuclear data and be responsible for the nuclear performance of the plant. This company will provide the fuel and the moderator and will process used fuel elements at Chalk River.

The Canadian General Electric Co., Ltd. is responsible for the detailed design and engineering of the reactor and for all construction, and will contribute $2 million toward its cost. The conventional part of the plant (turbine, electrical generator, and transmission gear) will be designed and paid for by Ontario's Hydro-Electric Power Commission, which also will operate the plant and feed the electricity produced into its Ontario power network. The Commission has agreed to buy steam from Atomic Energy of Canada, Ltd. and A. E. C. L. will reimburse the Commission for the operating costs of the reactor.

The reactor will use natural uranium for fuel, possibly slightly enriched with plutonium, and heavy water for the moderator of neutrons—fast neutrons are given off when uranium-235 atoms split and they must be slowed down or "moderated" by some medium that does not capture neutrons readily before they will split other uranium-235 atoms and thus maintain a chain reaction. The fuel will be in the form of about 200 rods sheathed in zirconium.

The fuel rods of three previously constructed reactors are sheathed in aluminum but this metal would not withstand the corrosiveness of heavy water at the higher temperatures which will prevail in the current project. The uranium must be sheathed not only to prevent its corrosion by the heavy water, but also to retain the highly radioactive fission products which are formed when uranium atoms split or fission.

There will be two heavy water systems. One volume of heavy water will act as the moderator of the neutrons —this will not be in contact with the fuel rods—but will be circulated through heat exchangers to keep its temperature between 60 and 260 F. The other heavy water system will be the "coolant"— that is, it will carry the heat given off by the fissioning uranium to the steam generators. In this case the heavy water will flow through tubes surrounding the fuel rods and when it leaves the reactor en route to the steam generators it will be at a temperature of about 500 F.

This hot heavy water will flow through two steam generators where it will give up its heat to ordinary water which will be converted into steam. The steam will drive a turbine, as in a conventional thermal power station, and the turbine will drive electrical generators.

To prevent the coolant from boiling, the reactor will be placed within a steel pressure vessel where the pressure will be 1,200 psi or higher.

The core of the reactor will be about 10 ft in dia and about 10 ft high. Around the outside of the core, aluminum tubes containing ordinary water may be wrapped to form the "reflector," which reflects escaping neutrons back into the core. The reflector design has not been settled and, therefore, this arrangement is tentative.

The rate at which the uranium "burns" within the reactor depends upon the amount of moderator present and also upon the amount of neutron-swallowing material within the core.

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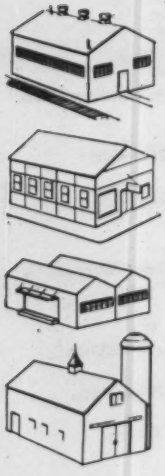
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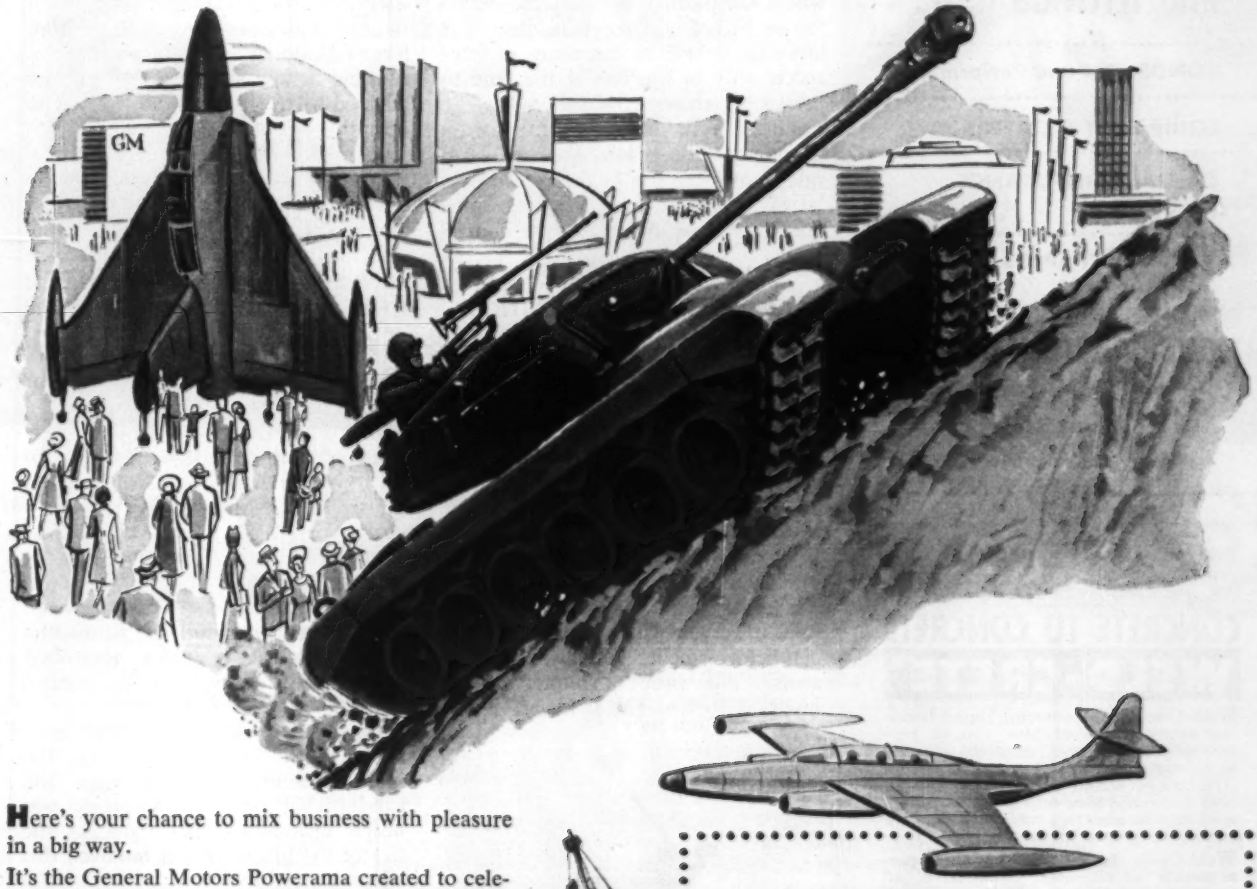


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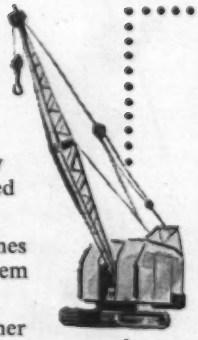

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not be a control rod such as the cadmium rod in previous designs. One advantage of this arrangement would be that there would not be mechanical equipment inside a pressure vessel. However, the method of control is not definitely settled and a control rod may be used.

Early experimental reactors were designed to rise above their main floors. This allows experimental apparatus to be placed against neutron beam holes which run through the concrete shielding to the reactor core. In this case, however, it will be necessary to have access only to the top of the core to permit the changing of fuel rods. The reactor can therefore be sunk into a basement, with its heat exchangers beside it, and the top of the reactor will be on the same level as the turbine operating floor and the main control room.

## Attempt to Make Electricity From Wind Power Successful

After four years of research and experiment, a British attempt to generate electricity from wind power has culminated in success. The pilot project consists of a 100 kw windmill erected on the Orkney Islands north of Scotland. Results obtained have been such that a design for a 250 kw unit is underway.

The test windmill consists of a 78-ft steel tower on which is mounted the generator nacelle, gearbox and rotor arms. The swept diameter of the blades is 50 ft and at winds of 35 mph or above they generate full power.

The blades are of compressed laminated wood with steel fittings. Each is attached to the end of the hub arm by hinged joints which allow it to "cone" or lean forward with the wind forces and also to lean in the direction of rotation. The hinges are designed to remove excessive bending stress that would otherwise be set up.

The thrust of the wind is opposed by centrifugal force which tends to keep the blades straight out when running and locks prevent them from flapping loosely when stationary or running at low speed. The locks are released when the windmill runs up to operating speed.

In order to prevent excessive vibration of the blades when running, the movement of the blades on their hinges is controlled by hydraulic dampers. Furthermore, the hub and blade assembly faces down wind to avoid the possibility that the blades will hit the tower as they revolve.

There is a small "pilot" windmill mounted on top of the nacelle for control purposes. Rotating at a speed proportional to the wind velocity, the "pilot" signals the main control gear when the windmill should be started or stopped. To prevent a start from a gust in an otherwise calm period, the control gear averages the wind speed over a number of minutes. Once the signal to start has been given, everything follows automatically in correct sequence controlled by electrical relays in the control house.

One of the major problems connected with the installation was the intense vibration set up when the windmill was started. The project was nearly abandoned, but reducing the size of the blades all but removed this effect.

The Scottish firm of John Brown & Co., Ltd. carried out the design and construction under commission from Britain's North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board.

EARLY MODEL windmill was erected in 1951 to originate wind power experiment.

## Plans Made for Tigris Hydroelectric Project

Iraq's Development Board has decided to build a reservoir and hydro plant on the Tigris River at Easki Mosul, 16 mi north of Mosul. Cost of the project is estimated at $47.6 million.

The dam will be 80 meters high and will have a storage capacity of 8,000,000 cu meters. The Board's First Technical Section has been asked for a list of consulting engineers qualified to prepare plans for the project.

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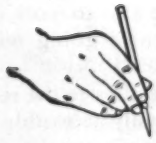

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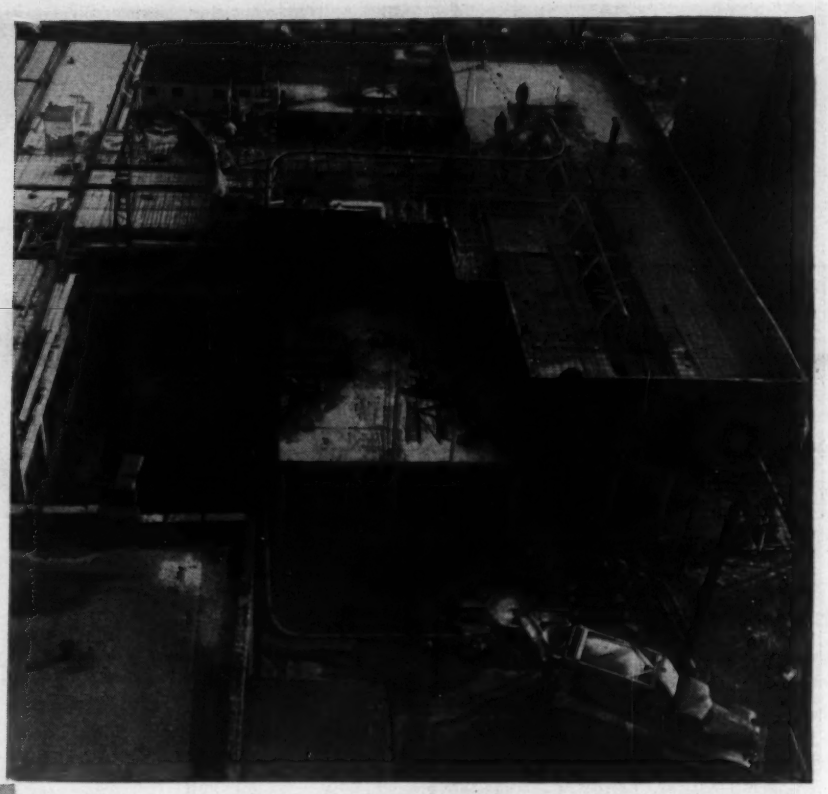

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Before joining Cunningham-Limp last January, Light was associated with the Austin Company for 19 years.

His appointment as vice president is the first of several which the company expects to make as it enlarges its facilities and manpower to meet the increasing volume of its project contracts.

A civil engineering graduate of Ohio Northern University, Light was an engineer with the Ohio State Highway Department until he joined the Austin Company in 1936.

## Ellis S. Tisdale Retires From Public Health Service

Ellis S. Tisdale, sanitary engineer director, will retire from the Public Health Service, U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, on Sept. 1, after 18 years of service. He has accepted appointment as director of the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin.

Commissioned in 1938, Tisdale was first sanitary engineer reserve officer in the Public Health Service. His assignments have included service with the War Manpower Commission and training duties at the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, Md., and at the Communicable Disease Center in Atlanta, Ga.

He became regional engineer in the Atlanta office in 1954 and was transferred to the Washington headquarters last March to assist in developing a national register of sanitary engineers.

A native of Massachusetts, Tisdale received a degree in sanitary engineering from M.I.T. in 1915 and spent the first 22 years of his career with the West Virginia Health Department.

## Minnesota AGC Encourages Study of Civil Engineering

To help meet the increased demand for professionally trained civil engineers, the Associated General Contractors of Minnesota, Inc., has established a scholarship fund at the University of Minnesota.

Next year, five $300 scholarships will be available to Minnesota students who have completed two or more years of engineering study and who will continue their training in the Institute of Technology at the University of Minnesota.

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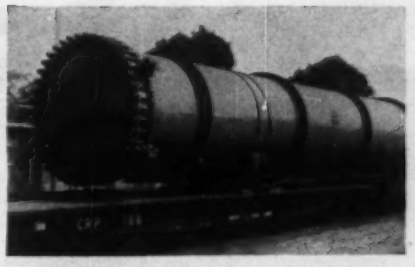
## Elected Port President

John F. Tulloch, Oakland contractor, has been elected president of the Board of Port Commissioners, Oakland, Calif. He has served as a member of the board for the last four years.

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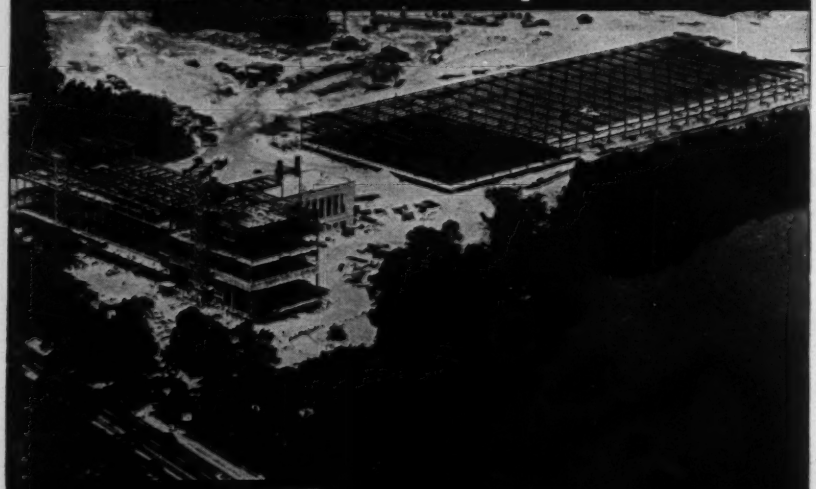

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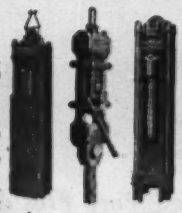

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## Harley, Ellington & Day Elect Three New Officers

Paul B. Brown, Frederick J. Hildebrandt and Alfred H. Mitschke have been elected vice presidents of Harley, Ellington & Day, Inc., architects and engineers, Detroit, Mich.

A graduate of the University of Michigan, Brown joined the firm in 1939 and has been serving as project administrator. Construction work with which he has been associated includes the University of Detroit expansion, Michigan National Guard Armories and the Michigan Life Insurance Company Building.

Hildebrandt, a University of Michigan civil engineer who joined the firm in 1944, has been in charge of all construction contracts and nationwide operations. As the firm's construction manager, he has been responsible for field forces working on projects located across the country and in Canada.

Mitschke joined the firm in 1934 and for the first ten years served as construction superintendent and structural engineer. Recently he has been project administrator on beverage plant construction.

## Pittsburgh Contractors Appoint New Executive

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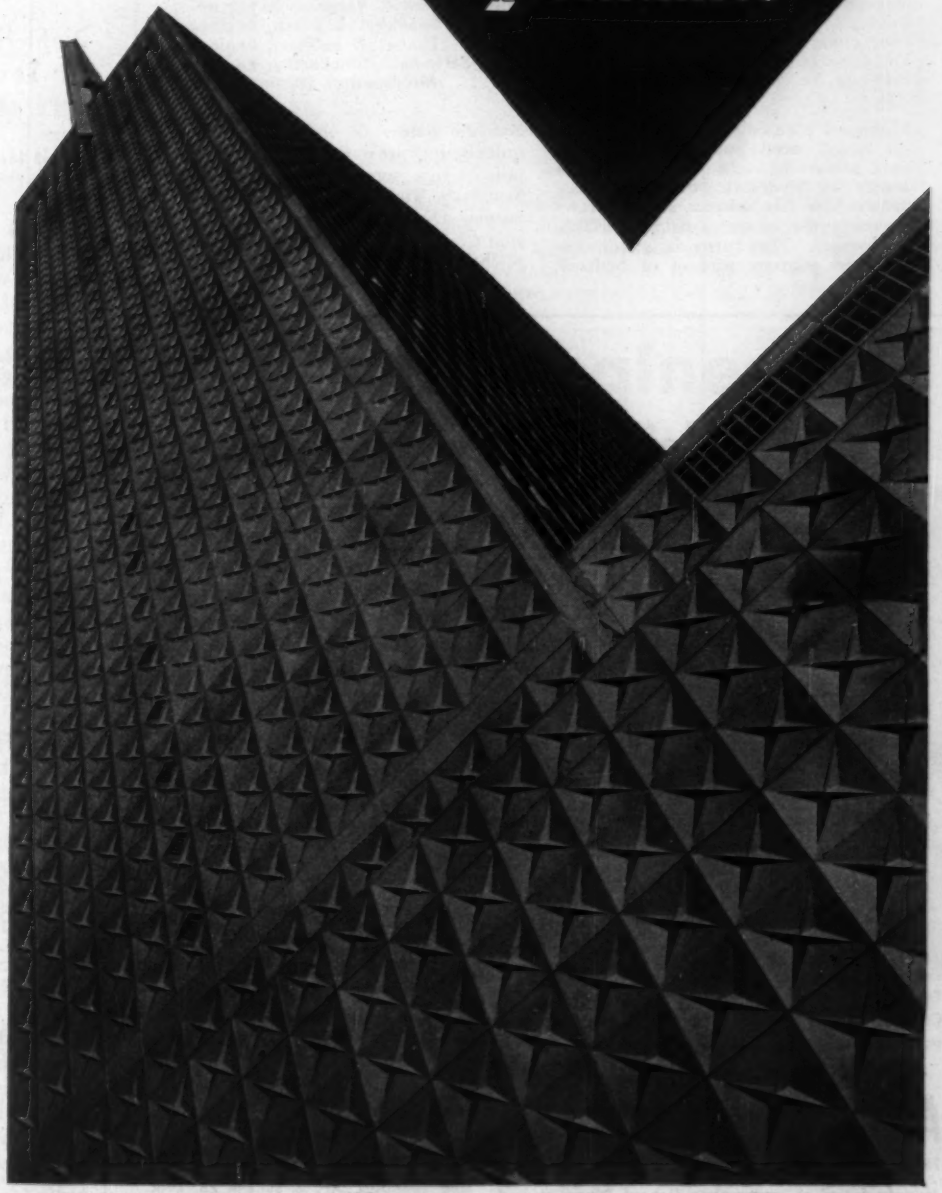

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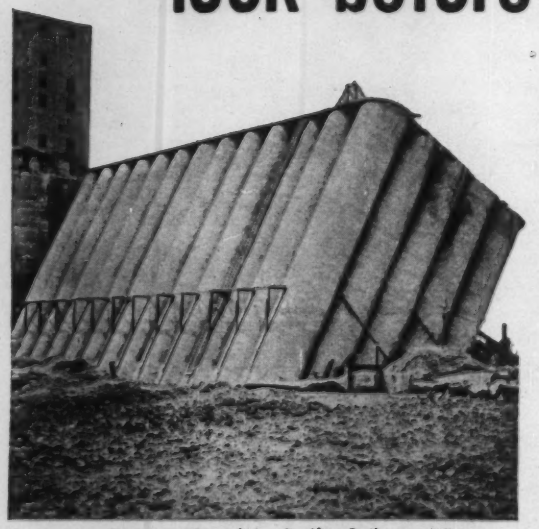

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Stanley joined Booth & Flinn in 1930—a year after he received his degree in architectural engineering from Ohio State University. He was assigned first as field engineer for the construction of the Gulf Building foundation in Pittsburgh, and later served as superintendent, designer and office engineer.

### Diehl Heads Up New Plant Of Texas Portland Cement

The Texas Portland Cement Co., Austin, Texas, has elected Kent Diehl, Sr. of Houston as president of its new cement plant to be built at Echo, Texas.

Diehl will engineer and supervise the building of the $3-million plant which will occupy a 36-acre tract north of Orange.

A graduate of Detroit University, Diehl has been in the cement business for 37 years. He is the former president and general manager of Gulf Portland Cement Corp. of Houston, and is assistant to the president of Kennedy Van Saun Manufacturing and Engineering Co. of New York, builders of portland cement plants.

He has supervised and engineered cement plant construction in Africa, Italy, France, Formosa and Indonesia; has been a consultant to 11 foreign governments on cement manufacture and cement plant building; and has served as special engineer to several cement companies in the United States. His work includes invention of the bulk oil well cementing process used by Halliburton Oil Well Cementing Co. throughout the world.

The new plant with which Diehl will be associated has an estimated capacity of 1,500 barrels a day and will utilize sea shell as a basic ingredient in cement manufacture. A contract has been awarded to S. Perry Brown Co. of Houston for construction of a 1,200-ft channel off the Sabine River for the company's six shell barges. Technical personnel and engineers for the plant will be furnished by the Kennedy Van Saun Company of New York, which will guarantee the rated output for one year.

(*Men and Jobs continued on page 72*)

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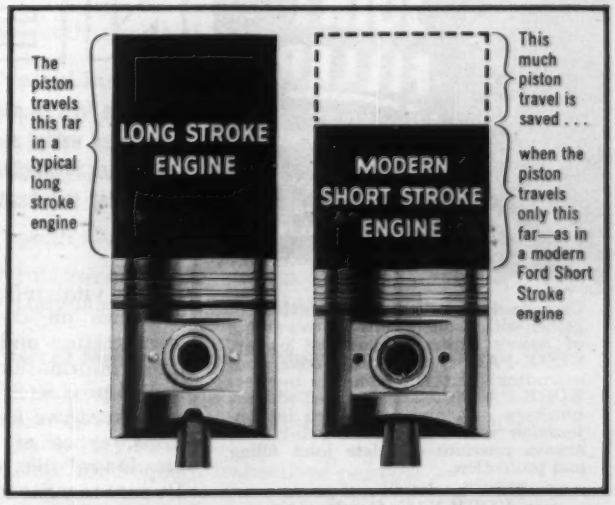
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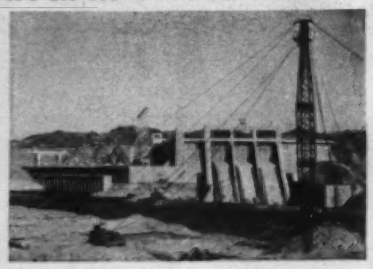

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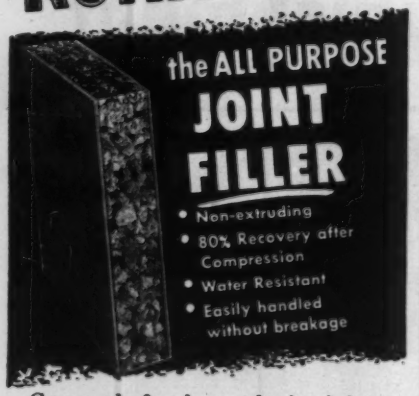


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• **Associations**—Traffic engineer **J. Edward Johnston** joins the Transportation and Communication Department of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States. He was with the Nebraska Highway Department for 12 years and was later with the American Automobile Association.

• **Careers**—The Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority names **Harry L. Reece** director and secretary, succeeding the late **Ramsey Findlater** . . . **John A. Lambie** is appointed Los Angeles County Engineer, effective in Oct. . . . **L. E. Honeycutt** is named superintendent of public works at Thomasville, N. C. . . . **Frank K. Aona** becomes head of the Division of Sewers, Honolulu, T. H., succeeding **Franklin Y. K. Sunn**, new chief of the Bureau of Plans.

• **Business**—After serving for nearly 50 years with the New York State Department of Public Works, **Vibert L. Ostrander** will go to Egypt as consulting engineer with Charles N. Upham Associates Inc., Washington, D. C. . . . **Richard W. Black**, former head of the design and engineering division of Industrial Corporation, heads up the new Baltimore, Md., industrial division of Burns and Roe, Inc., New York engineers and constructors.

**Herbert J. Scott** is named construction specialist in the Chicago area for the Nelson Stud Welding Division of Gregory Industries, Inc. . . . **John H. Stevens** is promoted to senior architect at Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Co.

• **Education**—**Carl E. Kindsvater**, hydraulics specialist, is named Regents' Professor of Civil Engineering at Georgia Institute of Technology where he has been a faculty member since 1945 . . . **Marion Farsman**, member of the General Electric research staff at Richland, Wash., is named assistant director of the Engineering and Industrial Experiment Station, University of Florida.

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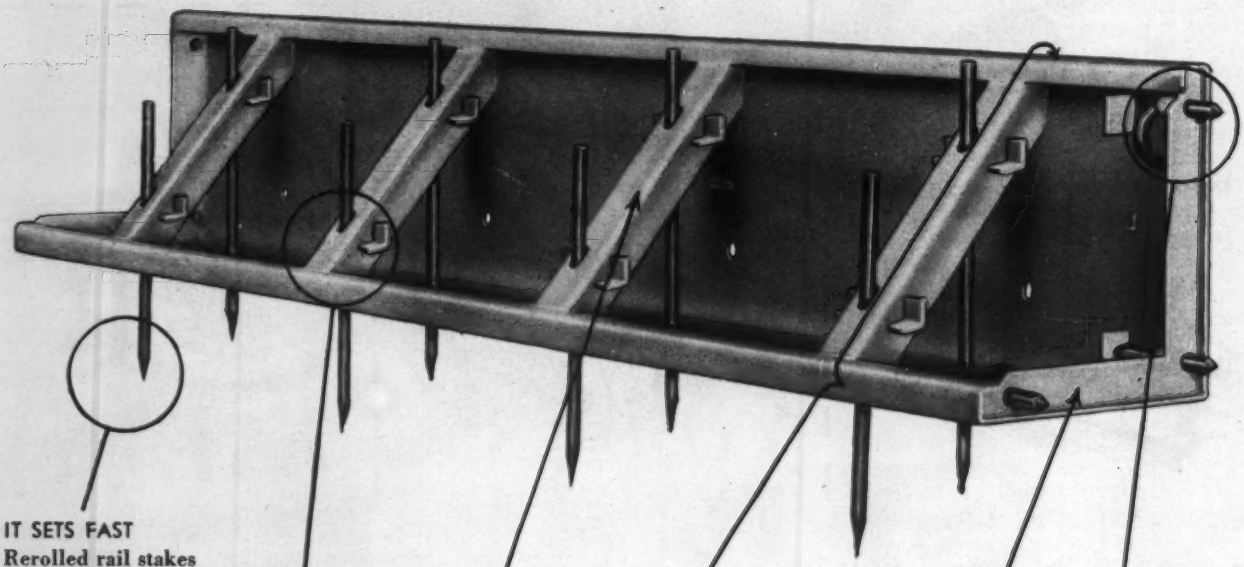

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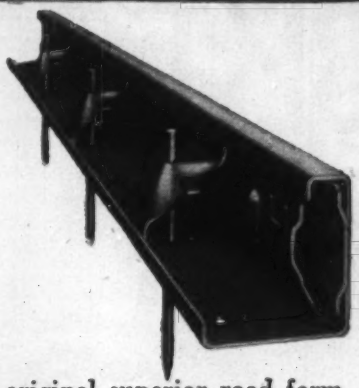

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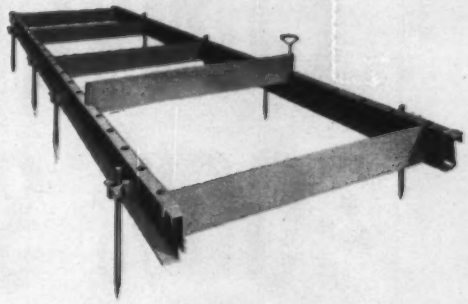

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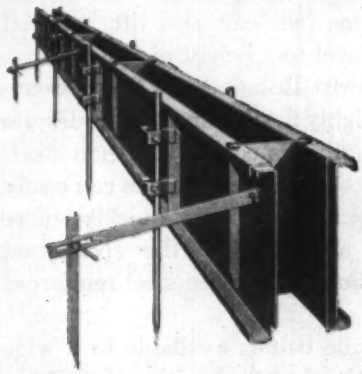

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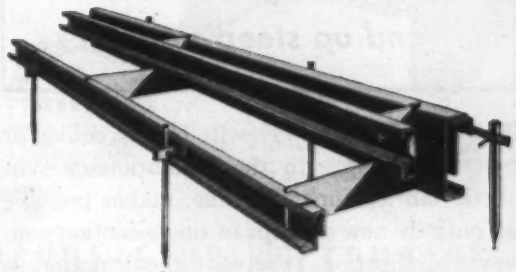

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## OBITUARIES

**Harmon S. Meissner,** 55, authority on cement and concrete for the Bureau of Reclamation at Denver, died July 22. During his 25 years with the Bureau he made contributions to development of equipment and procedures for testing cement, concrete, paint and other construction materials. He devised methods for testing thermal properties of concrete and for measuring heat generated by hydrating cement in massive concrete structures, which assisted in development of a low-heat cement used in Hoover and other large concrete dams. He served with the bureau as head of the Structural Properties of Concrete and Foundation Section, in the Division of Engineering Laboratories.

**Robert L. Tilley,** 57, city engineer of Belmont, Calif., for the past year, died July 12. Before taking the post with the San Francisco Peninsula community he was chief engineer of Wilsey & Ham, Burlington, Calif., construction firm. At the time of his death he was district engineer and general manager of the North Coast County Water District, with headquarters in Sharp Park, Calif.

**William B. Hoag,** 79, retired San Francisco civil engineer, died July 18 in Santa Barbara, Calif. Working with Lyon & Hoag, San Francisco real estate firm, he planned the California communities of Aptos, Rio del Mar and Los Altos, in addition to several residential districts in San Francisco.

**Dr. Henry S. Jacoby,** 98, of Washington, D. C., a bridge engineer, died August 1, in Quakertown, Pa. He was a former professor of engineering at Cornell University.

**Thomas Wilkinson,** 70, a retired construction engineer, died August 1, in New York City. Before retirement two years ago he was employed in the construction division of the New York Board of Transportation.

**James A. Daley,** 66, a civil engineer since 1946 for the New York State Public Works Department in Buffalo, died July 21. He had been associated with the Municipal Grade Crossing and Terminal Station Commission as an engineer.

**Albert N. Lowery,** 53, an engineer with the city of Winston-Salem, N. C., for the past four years, died July 16.


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## NEW ENGLAND

### BUILDINGS—BA

**Conn., Norwalk**—SCHOOL—BA 8/23—City Bd. Educ., c/o Supt. Schools, Norwalk, Springwood Elementary School. $692,250. Plans deposit $40. Gilroy & Gaydosh, 64 Wall St., archts. CD 3/3.

### HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—LB & CA

▲† **Morrison-Knudsen Co.** and **Landers & Griffin**, 800 Islington St., Portsmouth, N. H., CA $1,072,911. est. $1,000,000. storage facilities for ordnance storage area, Portsmouth Air Force Base, ENG 19-016-56-6. PORTSMOUTH, N. H. U. S. Eng., 857 Commonwealth Ave., Boston 15, Mass. Bids July 26. CD 7/29, under LB.

▲† **The Ferber Co.**, 16 Johnson Ave., Hackensack, N. J. CA $1,610,495. est. $800,000-$900,000. special AAA facilities, Netacom Ave. and Ferry Rd. etc., Bristol and Coventry, ENG 19-016-55-165. RHODE ISLAND. U. S. Eng., 857 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, Mass. Bids July 12. CD 7/15, under LB.

### BUILDINGS—LB & CA

▲ **H. P. Cummings Constr. Co.**, Ware, Mass., LB $1,343,333. womens' DORMITORY, BURLINGTON, VT. University of Vermont and State Agricultural College, Burlington, Vt. Bids Aug. 13. CD 7/20.

▲ **Jefferson Constr. Co.**, 75 First St., Cambridge, Mass. LB $1,607,000. regional high SCHOOL, DENNIS, MASS. Dennis-Yarmouth School Dist., Wallace Liberty, West Yarmouth, Mass. Bids Aug. 2. CD 7/1.

## MIDDLE ATLANTIC

### BUILDINGS—BA

▲ **D. C., Wash.**—OFFICE ADDN.—BA 8/23—National Rifle Assn. of America, 1601 Rhode Island Ave., N.W., selected list of bidders, office addn. Plans deposit $20. A. R. Clas, Wyatt Bldg., archt. CD 2/24.

▲ **N. Y., New York**—LIBRARY—BA 9/20—Bd. Higher Educ., the City College Business Office, Brett Hall, 136 St. and Convent Ave., Zone 31, Contr. No. 1 general constr.; Contr. No. 2 plumbing work; Contr. 3 heating and ventilating work; Contr. No. 4 electrical work for library of City College, South Campus (Manhattanville). $3,000,000. Plans deposit $60. Contr. No. 1; $40, contr. No. 2; $30 Contr. No. 3, $40, Contr. No. 4, all refundable. CD 3/30.

### HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—LB & CA

▲ **Morrison-Knudsen Co., Inc.**, 319 Broadway Ave., Boise, Idaho, **B. Perini & Sons, Inc.**, 73 Montwaite Ave., Framingham, Mass., **Walsh Constr. Co.**, 122 E. 42 St., New York, N. Y., **Utah Constr. Co.**, 144 E. Broadway, Salt Lake City, Utah, CA $7,824,133. (concrete and portland cement) (5 bidders) Massena intake near Massena, St. Lawrence Co., New York, Spec. No. PA-5-11004, St. Lawrence Contr. No. 16, NEW YORK. Power Authority of the State of New York, 270 Broadway, New York 7, N. Y. CD 8/4, under LB.

**Nance & Vivadelli**, Arlington Trust Bldg., Arlington, Va., CA $726,461, Anacostia force main and gravity sewer, Section III, Kenilworth Ave. between 42 St. and Blaine St. N.E. WASH. D. C. D. C. Govt., Dpt. Sanitary Eng., 499 Pa. Ave. N.W., Wash., D. C. Bids May 19, awarded July 14. CD 5/26, under LB.

### BUILDINGS—LB & CA

▲ **Melba Park Homes**, c/o Sterling Palm, archt., 89-51 164 St., Jamaica 3, N. Y., Owner Builds, $1,000,000. 61 HOUSES on tract on North Middletown Rd. north of Rte. 59, NANUET, N. Y.

**Thomas Schmidt**, c/o George E. Wilms & Co., 13-47 River Rd., Fairlawn, N. J. Owner Builds, $700,000. 46 HOUSES on tract on Grove St., OAKLAND, N. J.

## SOUTH

### BUILDINGS—BA

▲ **La., Lafayette**—ENGINEERING—BA 9/13—State Bldg. Auth., State Capitol, Baton Rouge, 2 story, masonry, steel frame engineering bldg., Southwestern Louisiana Institute, Proj. No. E 3 SLI-1, $1,500,000. Plans deposit $50. Charles R. Colbert, Herbert A. Benson & Assoc., 1048 National Bank Bldg., New Orleans, archts. CD 4/22/48.

### BUILDINGS—LB & CA

**Cherokee Constr. Co.**, 23 Second Ave., Cleveland, Tenn. CA $778,443, six SCHOOL projects, Gordon Co. CALHOUN, GA. State School Bldg. Auth., 41 Exchange Pl., S. E., Atlanta, Ga. Bids June 28. CD 7/8, under LB.

**Robert Thibodeaux & Co.**, Box 887, Baton Rouge, La. LB $364,000. (6 bidders) veterinary RESEARCH CENTER, BATON ROUGE, LA. State University, Geo. W. Schwab, Purch. Agent, Baton Rouge, La. J. H. Farrens, 1055 Convention St., Baton Rouge, La., archt.

▲ **J. C. McClendon Jr.**, Box 21, Gulfport, Miss. CA $1,020,000. two three-story men's RESIDENCE HALLS LAFAYETTE, LA. State Bd. Educ., State Capitol, Baton Rouge, La. Bids July 28, awarded Aug. 1. CD 8/4, under LB.

**Barksdale & LeBlanc**, Box 1567, Baton Rouge, La. CA $630,750. 3 story rein.-con. frame STUDENT UNION bldg. at Southwestern Institute, LAFAYETTE, LA. State Bd. Educ., State Capitol, Baton Rouge, La. Bids July 28, awarded Aug. 1. CD 8/4, under LB.

▲ **Hogan Bros., Inc.**, 236 Focis St., Metairie, La. CA $1,032,231. 2 story, steel frame, masonry STORE in Gentilly Woods, NEW ORLEANS, LA. Sears Roebuck & Co., Baronne and Common Sts., New Orleans, La. Bids July 21, awarded Aug. 5. CD 8/2, under LB.

## MIDDLE WEST

### HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—BA

▲ **O., Elyria**—BA 8/30—City, M. J. Lotko, Safety Service Dir., City Hall, storm water sewer in Dist. L, inclusive of rein.-con. headwalls, junction chambers 14,928 lin. ft. 24-to 120-in. sewers, 140 lin. ft. 120-in. sewer in tunnel, other related work, $1,000,000. Plans deposit $40. Havens & Emerson, 640 Leader Bldg., Cleveland, Zone 14, engrs.

▲ **Ind., Indianapolis**—BA 9/8—Bd. Sanitary Comrs., 421 N. Pennsylvania St., Contr. No. 55-S-26-MH sludge incinerator bldg. and auxiliaries, Total est. $2,000,000. Plans deposit $100. Moore & Heger, 810 N. New Jersey St., Indianapolis, engrs. CD 5/5/53.

▲ **Mich., Dearborn**—BA 9/20—Dearborn-Melvindale Disposal Auth., Dale H. Fillmore, chn., Dpt. Law, City Hall, Dearborn, refuse incinerator. Plans deposit $100. Metcaff & Eddy, 1300 Statler Bldg., Boston, Mass., engrs. CD 7/21.

### HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—LB & CA

**WISCONSIN**—State Hy. Comn., State Office Bldg., Madison,
**L. G. Arnold, Inc.**, 201½ N. Dewey St., Eau Claire, Wis., LB $520,785. (5 bidders) Contr. 1, structure and approaches, 0.554 mi. City Street, The Henry Avenue B Bridge and approaches (City of Beloit), Proj. T 0-0 (2) Rock Co. Bids Aug. 2. CD 7/15.
**Geo. W. Kukurin Co.**, McKeesport, Pa. CA $418,582. est. $525,000. addns. to water sys., SHEFFIELD, O. Village, Sheffield, O. Awarded Aug. 2.

### PROJECTS COVERED

***By Size***

**Construction projects here reported cover the United States and Canada, are of these minimum sizes or larger: water supply, earthwork, waterways $44,000; other public works $73,000; industrial buildings $93,000; other buildings $344,000. Also Foreign projects of $100,000 and more in size of interest to American contractors.**

***By Regions & Classes of Construction***

**(In order of Listing)**

**BIDS ASKED**
**LOW BIDDERS**
**CONTRACTS AWARDED**

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| **New England** | **Middle West** |
| **Middle Atlantic** | **West of Mississippi** |
| **South** | **Far West** |
| **PROPOSED WORK** | |
| **Water Supply** | **Public Buildings** |
| **Sewers, Waste Disposal** | **Mass Housing** |
| **Bridges** | **Commercial Buildings** |
| **Streets & Roads** | **Industrial Buildings** |
| **Earthwork, Waterways** | **Unclassified** |

***In These Stages***

**PROPOSED WORK: Before and including appointment of engineers or architects.**
**BIDS ASKED: BA (new announcements only). For full calendar, see also preceding issues.**
**LOW BIDDERS: LB On jobs below $500,000 in value all low bidder news will be the final reports published on the projects involved except where award is not made to the low bidder. In this case, a supplementary contract award report will be published.**
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**ENR Engineering News-Record**
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### BUILDINGS—LB & CA

**Frank Messer & Sons, Inc.**, Paddock Rd., Cincinnati, O. CA Total Est. $500,000. 2 story bsmnt., brick, steel, rein.-con. HOSPITAL addn., CINCINNATI, O. Hospital Care Corp., Woodburn and Wm Howard Taft Rd., Cincinnati, O. Elliston-Hail-McAllister & Stockwell, 706 Walnut St., Cincinnati, O., archts. Awarded Aug. 2. CD 10/25/54.

▲ **H. C. Huber Constr. Co.**, W. Stroop and Waterbury Dr., Dayton, O. Owner Builds, $3,300,000. 280 HOMES on 70 acre site on west side of Lamme Rd., DAYTON, O.

**Steward Constr. Co.**, Marion, O. CA Est. $500,000. 38,000 sq. ft. brick, concrete, steel SERVICE Bldg., MARION, O. Ohio Edison Co., Marion, O.

▲ **Forecast Constr. Co.**, Sanford Collins, pres., 310 Tiffin St., Sandusky, O. Own Forces, $2,000,000. 130 HOMES on Farmer Farm land near Venice on Rtes. 2 and 6, SANDUSKY, O.

▲ **Huber, Hunt & Nichols, Inc.**, 2450 S. Tibbs Ave., Indianapolis, Ind., CA est. $2,000,000. 1,750,000 sq. ft. STAMPING PLANT, MARION, IND. General Motors Corp., Fisher Body Div., General Motors Bldg., Detroit, Mich. CD 7/26 under CA.

▲ **Green Constr. Co.** Oaktown, Ind., CA, Total Est. $45,000,000. site grading, railroad tracks incl. 300,000 kw power plant coal generator, electric POWER PLANT near NEW ALBANY, IND. Public Service Co. of Indiana, 1000 E. Main St., Plainfield, Ind. Bids July 8. CD 11/9/53.

**J. P. Larson**, 6906 Sheridan Rd., Kenosha, Wis. LB $496,215, 185x263 ft. Sunnyside Grade SCHOOL, KENOSHA, WIS. Bd. Educ., 5515 Sheridan Rd. Kenosha, Wis. Bids July 18. CD 6/29.

▲ **Fuller Constr. Co.**, 5500 W. Capitol St., Milwaukee, Wis. LB $1,568,000 (2 bidders) general contract, department STORE at Shuster's Capitol Court Proj. MILWAUKEE, WIS. T. A. Chapman Co., 407 E. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee 2, Wis. Bids Aug. 3. CD 7/28;
**Downey Heating Co.**, 1739 W. St. Paul Ave., Milwaukee, Wis., LB $442,900. heating contract. (Milwaukee, Wis.).

**J. Algaier & Son, Inc.** 6509 W. Moltke Ave., Milwaukee, Wis., CA est. $100,000. 1 story 102x120 ft. part bsmnt. FACTORY, MILWAUKEE, WIS. Henri Food Products, 233 E. Keefe Ave., Milwaukee, Wis. Bids July 18. CD 7/7.

▲ **C. H. Reisdorf & Son**, 9353 Freeland St., Detroit, Mich. CA $1,244,947. general contract, 3 story, STATE HALL and penthouse addn., Wayne University, DETROIT, MICH. City, Bd. Educ., 1354 Broadway, Detroit, Mich. CD 7/27, under LB.

▲ **Harry Slatkin Builders, Inc.**, 11534 Dexter St., Detroit, Mich. Owner Builds, $4,000,000. 359 HOMES north of 13 Mile Rd., MADISON HEIGHTS, MICH.

## WEST OF MISSISSIPPI

### HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—BA

▲† **Okla., Altus**—STORM DRAINAGE—BA 8/24—U. S. Eng., Box 61, Tulsa Zone 2, storm drainage sys., Altus Air Force Base, Inv. ENG-34-066-56-5. $1,350,000.

### BUILDINGS—BA

**Mont., Bozeman**—SCHOOL—BA 9/8—Gallatin County High School Distr., W. Main St., 1 story, 360x580 ft. high school, $900,000, Fred F. Willson, 21 W. Babcock St., and Oswald Berg Jr., 24 W. Main St., archts. CD 6/14.

▲ **Tex., Tyler**—SHOPPING CENTER—Bids Asked—A. Dennin & W. B. Curtis, Tyler, shopping center, $1,250,000. Carl Gregory, Box 763, Tyler, archt. CD 7/25.

### HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—LB & CA

▲ **MINNESOTA—State Hy. Dpt.**, 1246 University Ave., St. Paul, rejected bids July 15, grade, grav. base 6.8 mi. between 0.8 mi. south of Minnesota City and Mankato Ave. in Winona, Winona Co. LB $1,226,250. CD 7/21, under LB.

**J. W. Craig Co.**, 1814 California St. N.E., Minneapolis, Minn. LB $76,814. (3 bidders) bit. stabilized base bit. seal coat 3.3 mi., 3 mi. and 4.2 mi., ANOKA, MINN. Anoka Co., K. W. Campbell, aud., Anoka, Minn. Bids Aug. 2. CD 7/15.

**Bain, Roberts & Bain**, Clarissa, Minn. LB $78,571. (6 bidders) grade, grav. surf. 5.4 mi. near Browerville and 2.9 mi. near Staples, LONG PRAIRIE, MINN. Todd Co., Nick Truog, aud., Long Prairie, Minn. Bids Aug. 1. CD 7/15.

† **Markham-Brown Constr. Co.**, 1961 N. Industrial Blvd., Dallas, Tex. LB $294,469. est. $315,425. constr. repair approx. 11,100 lin. ft. pile dike and revetment Burlington Bend to Isbell Reach, River mile 154.4 to 129.0, Jefferson City, Spec. 56-3, MISSOURI. U. S. Eng., 601 Davidson Bldg., Kansas City 8, Mo. Bids Aug. 2. CD 7/15.

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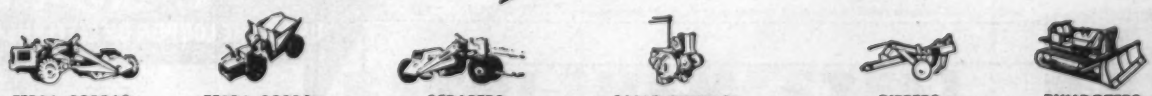

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▲ **Missouri Public Service Co.,** Richard C. Green, exec. vice-pres., Warrensburg, Mo. Own Forces, Est. $2,540,176. various addns., replacements of urban and rural electric, gas and water facilities substations, installation switchgear, transformers, at various parts of system; Est. $173,000. Proj. 24 Schedule E-3, 69 KV transmission line and substation at Appleton City to provide addnl. capacity to area; Est. $120,000. exten. constr. distr. sys. to serve 400 new homes at Sedalia Air Force Base, Knobnoster; Est. $80,000. install 2 low lift 9,000 6 PM pumps, earth levee settling basin, drill deep well and install deep well pump and remodel bldg. at Ralph Green Plant to provide offices, employees locker and wash rooms, tool room, switchboard enclosure, Pleasant Hill; Est. $102,000. convert East Commercial St. 2,400 volt circuit to 12 KV, substation and meter shop, Sedalia; Est. $610,872. natural gas transmission laterals, distr. lines, Platte Co.; Est. $660,000. Proj. 14, Schedule E-3, 19.2 mi. of 69 KV transmission line, associated substations to serve Kansas City Mid-Continent Airport and T.W.A. overhaul base in Platte Co.; Est. $168,300. install 500 KVA 12/4.16 substation, 5 mi. 1-phase and 12 mi. 3-phase 12 KV line, etc. at Richards, Deerfield and Nevada, Mo., overhead ground wire and wood braces on 69 KV line, Warrensburg to Pleasant Hill, and 12 KV line and substation in Sedalia; Est. $173,600. 2.4 mi. 69 KV line Liberty to near Claycomo; overhead ground wire and wood braces on Warrensburg to Clinton transmission line; convert Chillicothe to Trenton 35 KV line to 69 KV and substation, MISSOURI. Grand total $4,627,948. CD 6/9/52.

**Natkin & Co.,** 1924 Oak St., Kansas City, Mo. CA $546,161. cooling water conservation sys., WICHITA, KAN. Boeing Airplane Co., Personnel Bldg., Wichita, Kan. Bids July 28. CD 7/11.

**Peter Kiewit Sons Co.,** P. O. Box 8787, University Park Sta., Denver, Colo., CA, $518,042. 18 mi. of streets and curbs, gutter work, AURORA, COLO. Town, Court House, Aurora, Colo. Awarded July 25.

### BUILDINGS—LB & CA

**Henry Carlson Co.,** 416 S. 2 St., Sioux Falls, S. D. LB $537,304. (6 bidders) general contract, high SCHOOL, FULDA, MINN. Bd. Educ., J. P. Tuseth, clk., Fulda, Minn. Bids Aug. 3. CD 7/13.

**Siteman-Adreon Inc., Builders,** 7603 Forsyth Blvd., Clayton 24, Mo. Owner Builds, $500,000. 70 RESIDENCES on 1 acre tract each in Frontenac Forest Subdivision on Bopp Rd. south of Clayton Rds., FRONTENAC (ST. LOUIS 24, P. O.), MO. Robert G. McMahon, 8147 Delmar Blvd., University City 24, Mo., archt.

**John Larson,** Bismarck, N. D., LB $506,000 (7 bidders) 2-story 196x262 ft. girls' DORMITORY, JAMESTOWN, N. D. Jamestown College, Dr. E. H. Rian, pres., Jamestown, N. D. Bids Aug. 3. CD 7/20.

▲ **Stearns-Roger Mfg. Co.,** 660 Bannock St., Denver, Colo., CA $5,000,000. design and construct cement PLANT ADDN., BOETTCHER, COLO. Ideal Portland Cement Co., Denver National Bldg., Denver, Colo.

† **Mountain States Constr. Co.,** Denham Bldg., Denver, Colo., LB, $694,427, est. $900,000. 19,000 sq. ft. industrial type bldg., at atomic POWER PLANT EXPANSION, DENVER, COLO. U. S. Atomic Energy Comn., P. O. Box 2611, Rocky Flats Plant, Denver, Colo. Bids July 26. CD 7/1.

## FAR WEST

### HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—LB & CA

† **Richards & Assocs.,** Carrollton, Ga., CA $606,302 est. $590,691, Palisades-Goshen 115 kilovolt transmission lines, Bingham Co., IDAHO Bureau Reclamation, Dpt. Interior, Palisades, Idaho. Bids June 23, awarded Aug. 3. CD 7/5, under LB.

**ARIZONA**—State Hy. Dpt., 17th Ave. and Jackson St., Phoenix,

**Heiser & Garnett Constr. Co.,** 731 N. 19th Ave., Phoenix, Ariz., CA $138,476, grading, draining, road fdn., bit. surf. 4.25 mi. St. Hy. 95, 15 mi. northeast of Yuma, Yuma Co. Bids July 22, awarded Aug. 1. CD 7/15.

### BUILDINGS—LB & CA

**Peterson Homes,** Mountlake Terrace, Wash. Day Labor. $565,000. 51 HOMES in Plot 42, MOUNTLAKE TERRACE, WASH.

▲ **The Fieldstone Co.,** 9838 E. Belmont St., Bellflower, Calif. Owner Builds, $3,119,106, 264 frame, stucco DWELLINGS, in Tract 2137, BUENA PARK, CALIF.

**Holdener Constr. Co.,** 2608 R St., Sacramento, Calif. LB $875,766. (4 bidders) McClellan Junior HIGH SCHOOL addns., North Highlands, DEL PASO HEIGHTS, CALIF. Grant Union High School Dist., Grand Ave., Del Paso Heights, Calif. CD 12/27/54.

▲ **Downey Union High School Dist.,** Downey, Calif., rejected bids June 28, 89,955 sq. ft. Earl Warren High SCHOOL, DOWNEY, CALIF., LB $1,524,038. New bids August 9. CD 7/6, under LB.

▲ **Zaballos Brothers,** 850 Soto St., Hayward, Calif., CA $2,093,750, Castro Valley High SCHOOL, Castro Valley, HAYWARD, CALIF. Hayward Union Elementary School Dist., 22300 Foothill Blvd., Hayward, Calif. Bids July 13, awarded Aug. 5. CD 7/20, under LB.

**Beckner Constr. Co.,** 2650 River Ave., South San Gabriel, Calif., LB $834,782. est. $650,000. Wilson HIGH SCHOOL ADDNS., LOS ANGELES, CALIF. Los Angeles Bd. Educ., 1425 S. San Pedro St., Los Angeles, Calif. Bids Aug. 4. CD 7/20.

## CANADA

### BUILDINGS—BA

▲ **Que., St. Hubert** — HOUSING — BA 9/1 — Central Mortgage & Housing Corp., 940 Cote de Liesse Rd., Town of Mount Royal, Montreal, 200 housing units at St. Hubert Air Base. $1,250,000. M. P. McAndrew, Regional Constr. Supt., c/o owner, engr.

▲ **Ont., Sudbury**—HIGH SCHOOL—BA 8/24—Nickel District Collegiate Institution Board, 12 Stewart Dr., high school, $1,340,000. Allward & Guinlock, 57 Bloor St. W., Toronto, archts. R. P. Allsop & Assocs., 290 Davenport Rd., Toronto, engrs. CD 1/4.

### HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—LB & CA

▲ **BRITISH COLUMBIA**—B. C. Govt., Parliament Bldgs., Victoria,

**Poole Engrg. Co. Ltd., & Raymond International Co. Ltd.,** 1104 Hornby St., Vancouver, B. C., CA $2,053,891, bridge over west arm of Kootenay Lake at Nelson, B. C. 1,100 ft. cantilever structure with main opening of 485 ft. and side spans of 305 ft. Bids July 6, awarded July 26. CD 7/18, under LB.

**BRITISH COLUMBIA**—B. C. Govt., Parliament Bldgs., Victoria,

**Highway Constr. Co. Ltd.,** 789 W. Pender St., Vancouver B. C., LB $597,735, road constr., Salkel Flats-Nine Mile Creek Sect. of Trans-Canada Hy. Bids July 14.

**Dominion Bridge Co. Ltd.,** 2450 Boundary Rd., Vancouver, B. C., CA $154,081, supplying 6,800 ft. 48-in. steel water pipe; CA $256,307. 5,300 ft. 72-in. and 600 ft. 63-in. steel water main pipe; CA $317,234, supply approx. 176,000 ft. 42-in. steel water pipe, Grand total $727,622, VANCOUVER, B. C. Greater Vancouver Water Dist., 500 Beatty St., Vancouver, B. C. Awarded July 24.

▲ **Swansea Constr. Co. Ltd.,** 363 Rogers Rd., Toronto, Ont., CA $1,017,396, six tunnel sects., one settling tank, approx. 59,700 lin. ft. 12- to 60-in. sewers, at Stamford, NIAGARA FALLS, ONT. Stamford Twp., 1810 Ferry St., Niagara Falls, Ont., M. F. Ker, c/o owner, engr. Awarded Aug. 3.

**Continental Constr. Co.,** Regina, Sask., CA $429,423. earth-fill dam 65 ft. high; 112 ft. x 212 ft. rein.-con. chute type spillway, Gravelbourg-LaFleche area, REGINA, SASK. Prarie Farm Rehabilitation Act, Regina, Sask. Awarded July 26. CD 12/31/52.

### BUILDINGS—LB & CA

**Beaver Constr. Co. Ltd.,** 175 W. 5th Ave., Vancouver, B. C., CA $742,190. SCHOOL and recreational unit at Deaf and Blind School, W. 4 Ave., VANCOUVER, B. C. B. C. Govt., Parliament Bldg., Victoria, B. C. Bids July 20, awarded July 28. CD 7/29, under LB.

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**Mollenhauer Contrg. Co. Ltd.**, 188 Perth Ave., Toronto, Ont., LB $315,000 (8 bidders) 1 story 122x303 ft., steel frame, brick PLANT addn., incl. radial brick chimney and boiler room exten. HOLLAND LANDING, ONT. Office Specialty Mfg. Co., 97 Wellington St., Toronto, Ont. Bids July 27. CD 7/22.

**Cadillac Contrg. & Developments Ltd.**, 366 Adelaide St. W., Toronto, Ont. Owner Builds. $600,000. 8-story 45x142 ft. rein.-con. fdn., structural steel frame, brick and block APARTMENT, inside parking area. TORONTO, ONT. Venchiarutti & Venchiarutti, 2941 Bathurst St., Toronto, Ont. archts.

▲ **J. P. Morin, Ltd.**, 528 Notre Dame St., Cap de la Madeleine, Que., CA est. $1,500,000. 4-story main sect., 209 ft. frontage; 6-story 75x107 ft. rear wing; power plant; sisters and nurses residences, 100-bed capacity HOSPITAL, LASARRE, QUE. St. Francis Hospital, LaSarre, Que. Jean Charles Fortin, 240 4th Ave., Val d'Or, Que., archt.

▲ **Louis B. Magil Co.**, 5275 Queen Mary Rd., Montreal, Que. Owner Builds, est. $1,000,000. 72-unit HOUSING program in suburban Pointe Claire, MONTREAL, QUE.

▲ **Lummus Co. of Canada, Ltd.**, 455 Craig St., Montreal, Que., CA est. $9,000,000. Design and Construct, 155 ton daily capacity AMMONIA PLANT, VARENNES, QUE. Quebec Ammonia Co. Ltd., 660 St. Catherine St. W., Montreal, Que.

## LATIN AMERICA

### HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—BA

▲ **Cuba**—BA 9/15—Primera Central Hidroelectrica Cubana, hereinafter referred to as PRICHEC at Edificio de la Lonja del Commercio, Sexto Piso, Havana, underground excavation contract is one of several constr. contracts expected for completion of the Hanabanilla Proj. a hydroelectric dam and power plant development at the Hanabanilla River, approx. 50 kilometers east of Cienfuegos. Incl. (a) excavation for intake channel, intake tower, penstock shaft, service tunnel, powerhouse valve chamber and tailrace tunnel 6.7 kilometers long; (b) const. rein.-con. lining for service tunnel, powerhouse cavern and valve chamber roofs and railrace tunnel as required; (c) consolidation and contract grouting required for a. and b.; (d) disposal of excavated materials; (e) care of water during constr.; (f) structural steel roof supports, steel roof bolts and dry packing. Approx. 75,000 cu. meters of open cut excavation, 150,000 cu. meters of underground excavation and 20,000 cu. meters of concrete. Plans deposit $25. Bidders are also required to send a sealed copy of the bid on Sept. 15 to Knappen-Tippetts-Abbett-McCarthy, Engineers, hereinafter referred to as the Engineer, 62 W. 47 St., New York 36, N. Y. U. S. A. adv ENR 8/4.


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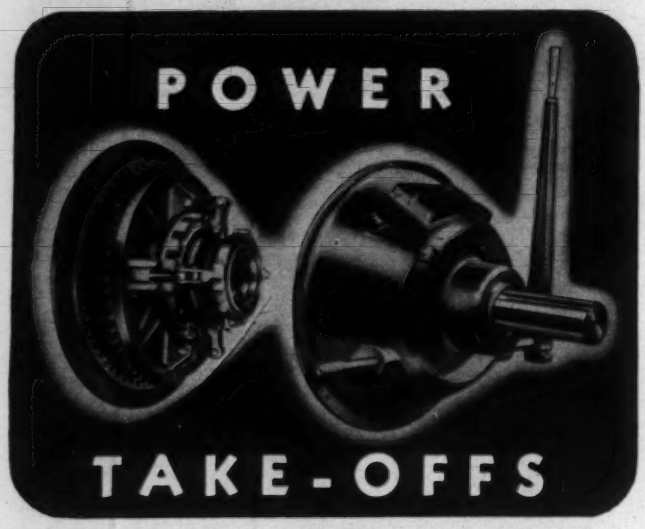

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# PROPOSED PROJECTS

▲ **Calif., San Diego**—Valley Center Municipal Water Dist., San Diego, $1,600,000 bond election August 30, water distr. sys.

▲ **Okla., Duncan**—City, bond election Sept. 13, reservoir water supply. $1,800,000. Hudgins, Thompson & Ball, 1411 Clarsen St., Oklahoma City, consult. engrs. CD 2/16.

▲ **Wis., Milwaukee**—City, water main extens. in various parts of the city, $1,000,000. Lloyd D. Knapp, city engr.

▲ **Que., Beaconsfield**—Town of Beaconfield, P. Q. Beaurepaire, water lines and sewer connections to Pointe Claire planned filtration and disposal plants. $3,000,000. H. W. Lea, 1226 University St., Montreal, consult. engr. CD 6/24/53.

## BRIDGES

▲ **Ala., Birmingham**—City, Dpt. P. Imprv., City Hall, three railroad underpass, at 1st Ave. and 47th St. N., $500,000; 26th St. and 27th Ave. N., $500,000 and at 34th St. around Avenue A, Ensley Area. $500,000. A. L. McWhorter, city engr. CD 4/30/52.

▲ **MICHIGAN**—State Hy. Dpt., Stevens T. Mason Bldg., Lansing,

**Houghton Co.**—rein.-con., steel bridge over Keeweenaw Waterway between Hancock and Houghton, replace old span, $5,100,000. George M. Foster, comr.

## STREETS AND ROADS

▲ **ALABAMA**—State Hy. Comn., Montgomery,

**Calhoun and Etowah Counties**—22 mi. road from Anniston to Gadsden, $2,000,000.

▲ **Ala., Mobile**—City, City Hall, street imprvs. in Toulminville area, $2,000,000. Palmer & Baker, Inc., 959 Spring Hill Ave., engr. CD 6/6.

▲ **ARKANSAS**—State Hy. Dpt., State Capitol, Little Rock,

**Clay and Randolph Counties**—rebuilding and relocation 16 mi. U. S. Hy. 67, Corning-Current River, $1,500,000.

**Drew Co.**—alternate by-pass around city St. Hy. 81, Monticello, $325,000.

**Jefferson Co.**—widening 5.5 mi. U. S. Hy. 65, Pine Bluff, $220,000.

**Phillips Co.**—extend St. Hy. 20 to connect U. S. Hys. 70 and 79 with planned new bridge over Mississippi River at Helena.

▲ **NEW YORK**—Bureau Contracts & Accounts, The Gov. Alfred E. Smith State Office Bldg., Albany,

**Westchester Co.**—reconstr. of 8 mi. of Albany Post Rd. from Croton River north to Peekskill, $7,500,000.

† **Missouri and Arkansas**—U. S. Eng., P. O. Box 867, Little Rock, Ark., plans by Sverdrup & Parcel, Inc., engr.-archt., Syndicate Trust Bldg., St. Louis, Mo., relocation hys. at Table Rock Dam White River near Branson, Mo., incl. 32.3 mi. hy., 6 bridges, altering bridge and small structures. CD 6/16/54.

▲ **Okla., Oklahoma City**—City, City Hall, widen., repave Western Ave. S. W. 29 to S. W. 59 St., $325,000; May Ave., from Reno Ave. to N. W. 23 St. $365,000; Robinson St. from S. W. 6 to S. W. 44 St., $275,000; Noble Ave., from May to Eastern Aves., $450,000; grading, paving Tinker Blvd. from Reno to Midwest City Blvd., $375,000. W. W. Baker, city engr.

▲ **Tex., Brownsville**—Cameron Co., Brownsville, defeated bonds July 23, road imprvs. Prec. 1, $750,000; Prec. 2, $75,000; Prec. 3, $750,000; Prec. 4, $750,000. CD 6/28.

▲ **Que., Quebec City**—City, City Hall, new pavings and opening and widening of streets $2,257,956.

## EARTHWORK, WATERWAYS

▲ **Mich., Royal Oak**—SCHOOL—Royal Oak Twp., Leonard Maker, secy, Lamphere School Bd., John R and 13 Mile Rd., $1,000,000 bond election Sept. 20, elementary school, $500,000. Earl G. Meyers, 806 Farwell Bldg., Detroit, archt. CD 6/27.

▲ **Pa., Morgantown**—SCHOOL—Twin Valley Joint School System, Morgantown, plans by Buchart Engineering Corp., 920 Columbia Ave., Lancaster, junior-senior high school, $1,000,000.

▲† **Texas**—U. S. Eng., Box 1229, Galveston, embankment and relocations, $850,000; access roads, $90,000; project bldgs., incl. shop, $100,000 near Beaumont, McGee Bend Dam on the Angelina River. CD 6/9/44.

▲ **Tex., Newton**—Newton County Water Supply Dist., Newton, bond election August 27, water retention dam across Cow Creek, 1 mi. northwest of here, 55 ft. high, 4,000 ft. long, impound 70,000 acre ft. water, $2,350,000; side ditching and dirt drainage work. $150,000.

▲ **Wash., Seattle**—SPORTS CENTER, etc.—City, County-City Bldg., civic sports center, with 12,000 seat coliseum, $2,900,000.

## AIRPORTS

▲ **Ala., Birmingham**—ADMINISTRATION BLDG.—Birmingham City Aviation Advisory Council, City Hall, administration bldg., Municipal Airport. $4,000,000. Construction within 2 years. CD 12/4/44.

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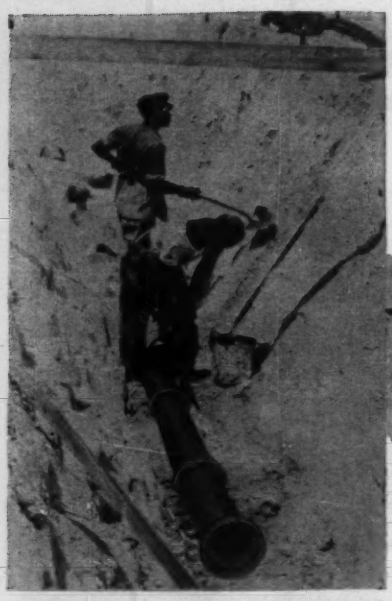

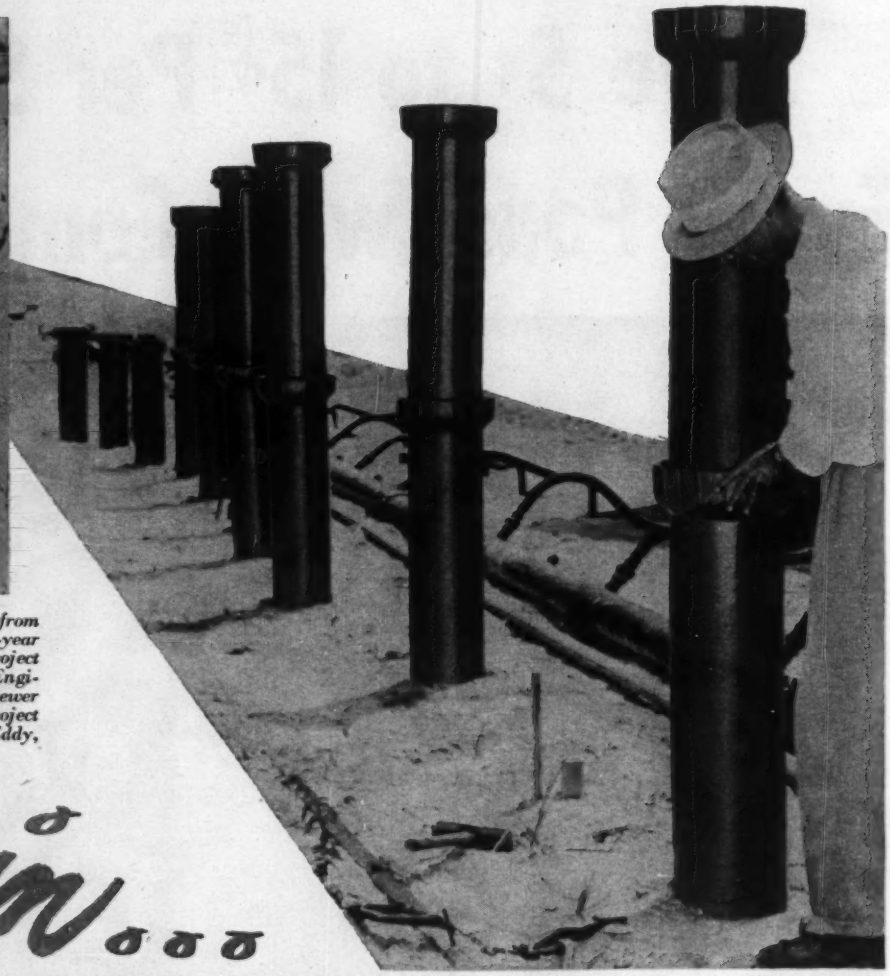

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▲† **Ariz., Nogales**—WEATHER STATION—U. S. Eng., 751 S. Figueroa St., Los Angeles, Calif., Air Force weather station. $2,000,000. Johannessen & Giraud, First Natl. Bank Bldg., Phoenix, consult. engrs.

▲† **Ariz., Tucson**—HANGAR, UTILITIES—U. S. Eng., 751 S. Figueroa St., Los Angeles, Calif., plans by John Brenner & Assoc., 114 W. Adams St., Phoenix, hangar and utilities, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. $3,000,000. CD 8/27/54.

▲† **Ariz., Yuma**—AIRPORT BLDGS., etc.—U. S. Eng., 751 S. Figueroa St., Los Angeles, Calif., plans by Charles G. Polacek, 2803 N. 7th Ave., Phoenix, base chapel exchange store, shop, administration bldgs. $1,100,000; plans by John Brenner & Assoc., 114 W. Adams St., Phoenix, hospital, $1,400,000; plans by Scholer, Sakellar & Fuller, 2566 N. Campbell Ave., Tucson, airmens' dormitories, concrete block const. $270,000. foregoing at Yuma County Airport. CD 9/3/54.

▲† **Calif., Beale Air Force Base**—HOSPITAL—U. S. Eng., 751 S. Figueroa St., Los Angeles, plans by John Brenner & Assoc., 114 W. Adams St., Phoenix, Ariz. 75-bed 3-story rein.-con. hospital. $1,400,000. CD 1/14/52.

▲† **N. D., Minot**—JET FIGHTER BASE—U. S. Eng., 1709 Jackson St., Omaha, Neb., plans by W. F. Kurke & Assocs., 1117 13th Ave. N., Fargo, Jet Fighter Base, incl. eleven bldgs. $4,000,000-$6,000,000; addnl. bldgs. and utilities, est. $2,000,000-$3,000,000. Henningson, Durham & Richardson, 2962 Harney St., Omaha, Neb., consult. engrs. CD 2/10/55.

▲† **Tex., Etoile**—JET TRAINING BASE—U. S. Eng., Box 1229, Galveston, covered hangars, $750,000; shops, $300,000; runways-taxiways, $500,000. Turner & Bear, 2502 S. MacGregor St., Houston, consult. engrs.; barracks, messes, allied bldgs., $585,000; jet fueling sys. $200,000; water sys., $75,000; storm sewers, drainage, $75,000; sanitary sewer sys. $85,000; site area earthwork, grading, filling, leveling, $100,000; general paving in certain areas, $80,000.

▲† **Tex., Victoria**—AIR BASE BLDGS. etc.—U. S. Eng., Box 1229, Galveston, plans by Wilson, Morris & Crain & Assocs., 33330 Graustark St., Houston, consult. engrs.—archts., control tower, armament and electronic shop, build-up shop, engineering build-up shop, hangar shop, chapel, NCO and officers clubs, Foster Air Force Base. $5,000,000.

## LATIN AMERICA

▲ **Guatemala**—Govt. of Guatemala, Guatemala City, Atlantic Highway, incl. 190 mi. Guatemala City and Puerto Barrios on Caribbean, with branch to Santo Tomas; Pacific Highway, incl. 37 mi. between Taxisco and El Salvador border and 47 mi. between Coatepeque and the Mexico border. Project to be completed by 1958. $40,000,000.

▲ **Mexico, Orizaba**—Cementos Veracruz, S. A., Orizaba, Vera Cruz, plans 450-ton daily capacity cement factory, $2,500,000.

▲ **Venezuela**—Ministry of P. Wks., Caracas, plans new airports at Santo Domingo, San Cristobal, La Azulita (Merida State) and Porlamar; imprvs. at airports in Cd. Bolivar and Barcelona, paving work at Palo Negro Air Base, building for Carrizal Air Base, home of new Military Aviation School, landing fields in Maracaibo and for new ATC buildings. $8,500,000.

▲ **Venezuela, Caracas**—Venezuelan Institute of Social Security, Caracas, plans 15 story building. $1,500,000.

## AMERICANS ABROAD

▲ **The Netherlands, Leyden**—PLANT—Reed Roller Bit Co., 6501 Navigation Blvd., Houston, Tex., U. S. A., plans rock bit mfg. plant. $4,500,000.

## PUBLIC BUILDINGS

▲ **Ala., Birmingham** — MEDICAL CENTER — University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, plans by Van Keuren, Davis & Co., 3007 7th Ave. S., Birmingham, University of Alabama Medical Center expans., incl. 7-story nurses home; plans by Jack B. Smith, Brown Marx bldg., medical center library. Total est. $10,000,000-$12,000,000. E. Todd Wheeler, 736 S. Ashland Ave., Chicago, Ill., consult. archt. for Medical Center expan. program. CD 5/12/53.

▲ **Colo., Golden**—METALLURGY—Colorado School of Mines, Campus, Golden, plans by Fuller, Fuller & Fuller, consult. engrs.-archts, Insurance Bldg., Denver, 3 story, brick metallurgy bldg. $1,000,000.

▲† **Md., Germantown**—HEADQUARTERS—U. S. Atomic Energy Comn., 1901 Constitution Ave. N. W., Wash., D. C., plans by Voorhees, Walker, Smith & Smith, 101 Park Ave., New York, N. Y., 3 story AEC headquarters building, garage and maintenance bldg., Rte 118, near here, $10,000,000. CD 7/7, under Wash., D. C.

▲ **Mich., Kalamazoo** — LIBRARY-MUSEUM — City, Bd. Educ., plans by Louis C. Kingscott & Assoc., 511 Monroe St., 2 story library-museum bldg., $1,200,000.

▲ **Mich., Portage** — SCHOOL — Portage Twp. School Dist., Bd. Educ., junior high school, $1,600,000.

▲ **Mich., Flint**—COLLEGE AND CULTURAL CENTER—University of Michigan and Flint Junior College, Flint, plans by Smith-Hinchman & Grylls, Inc., 800 Marquette Bldg., Detroit, College and cultural center incl. 12 bldgs., library, cultural theater, Senior and Junior College, $12,500,000.

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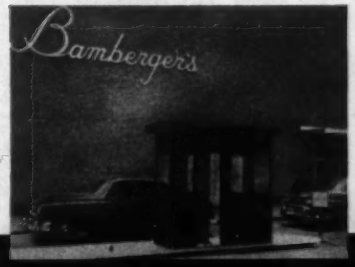


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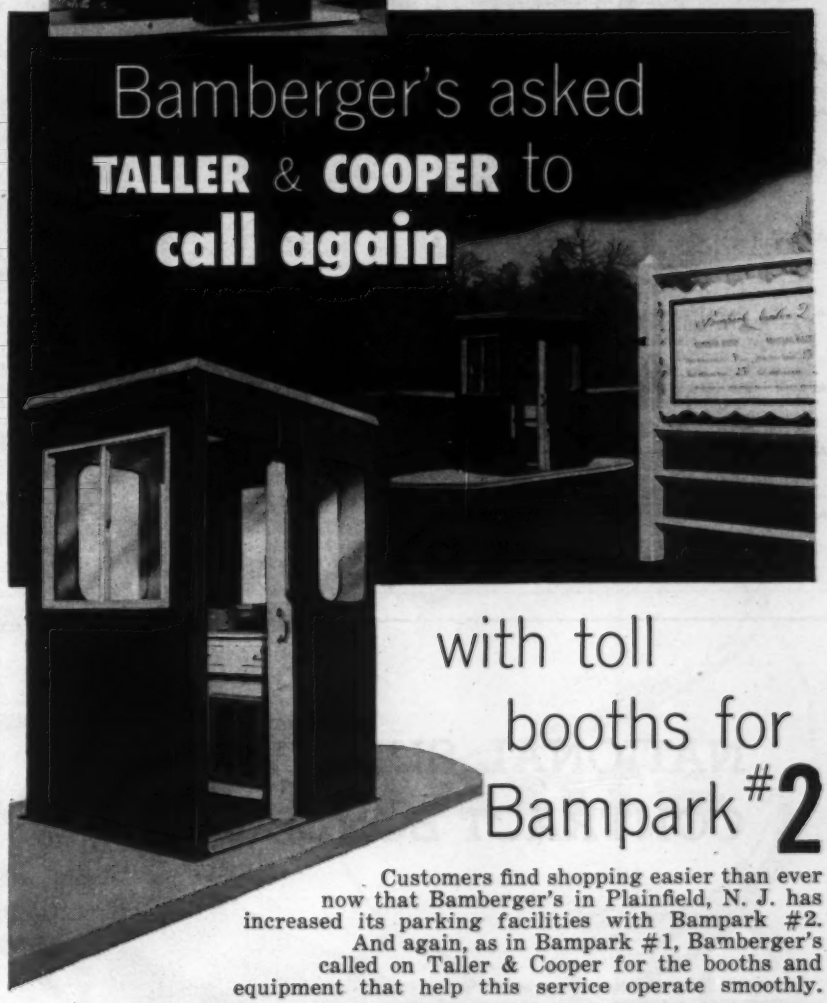

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▲ **N. Y., Brooklyn**—SCHOOL—Bureau Constr., Bd. of Educ., 42-12 Crescent St., Long Island City, plans by Richard Roth, 575 Madison Ave., New York, Zone 22, 3 story Junior high school No. 278, 1925 Stuart St., $2,847,000.

▲ **Wis., West Allis**—HOSPITAL—City, City Hall, hospital $2,500,000.

▲ **Alta, Edmonton**—NURSES HOME—Province of Alta., University Hospital Bd., Edmonton, four story, two wing nurses home addn. at the University Hospital. est. $1,000,000. Bids in late summer or early fall.

## COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS

▲ **Calif., Glendora**—SHOPPING CENTER—Paul J. Davetti, 1138 Herring Ave., West Covina, plans by H. W. Underhill, 4313 Leimert Blvd., Los Angeles, 12 bldgs., 90,000 sq. ft. shopping center, Pasadena and Alosta Aves., 600-car parking area. $1,000,000.

▲ **Calif., Ignacio**—HOMES—Del Preston Constr. & Realty Co., Mill Valley, 250 home sub-division, $3,500,000.

▲ **Calif., LaMesa**—HOMES—Hobart-Southern Co., P. O. Box 787, Chula Vista, 114 homes, Lake Murray Subdivision, $1,145,000.

▲ **Calif., Pomona**—SHOPPING CENTER—Bershon Constr. Co., 11231 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, plans by H. W. Underhill, 4313 Leimert Blvd., Los Angeles, 13 bldgs., 126,650 sq. ft. shopping center, Garvey and Harrison Aves. $1,500,000.

▲ **Calif., Puente**—SHOPPING CENTER—H. S. Shapiro & Assoc., 2110½ S. Atlantic Blvd., Los Angeles, plans by H. W. Underhill, 4313 Leimert Blvd., Los Angeles, 112,000 sq. ft. shopping center, Hacienda and Gale Aves., 1,000-car parking. $1,750,000.

▲ **Calif., San Diego**—RESEARCH—Western Research Foundation of San Diego, 418 Land Title Bldg.; San Diego, Zone 1, plans by Lloyd Ruocco, 3605 5 Ave., Zone 3, industrial, scientific research facilities on Kearney Mesa site, $4,000,000.

▲ **Calif., San Mateo**—HOMES—J. L. Eichler & Sons, 2001 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, 275 home sub-division vicinity Crystal Springs Rd. off Skyline Blvd. $6,000,000.

▲ **Calif., Santa Venetia**—HOMES—Billings-Hutchison & Co., 58 Sutter St., San Francisco, 170 home subdivision, $2,890,000. Punnett-Parez & Hutchison, 58 Sutter St., San Francisco, consult. engrs. CD 5/2.

▲ **Conn., Berlin**—RESTAURANT—Albert M. Levitt Co., Inc. 100 College St., New Haven, restaurant and banquet hall, parking for 2,000-cars, Wilbur Cross Hy. $1,000,000. Raymond Loewy Assoc. 488 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y. designer. CD 5/7/54.

▲ **Mich., Saginaw**—SHOPPING CENTER—Edwin Gage, 500 S. Washington St., Royal Oak, plans by Frederick E. Wigen, 507 Wiechmann Bldg., Saginaw, Tri-City Shopping Center, $1,000,000.

▲ **N. Y., New York**—OFFICE—New England Industries, Inc., 120 Wall St., Zone 5, 16 story office at 515 Park Ave. southeast corner of 60 St., $1,000,000.

▲ **N. Y., New York**—APARTMENT—Harold Schneider, c/o Sylvan Bien, archt., 33 W. 46 St., Zone 19, 20 story apartment, First Ave. and 57 St. $2,500,000.

▲ **O., Cincinnati**—SHOPPING CENTER—North Cincinnati Shopping Center, c/o S. A. Marks, Traction Bldg., regional shopping center incl. 45 stores on approx. 40 acres on Rte. 4 near Mack and Ross Rds., $4,000,000.

▲ **Pa., Phila.**—RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT—Sidney Robin, 4745 N. 12 St., residential development Frankfort Ave., $1,000,000.

▲ **Tenn., Nashville**—STORE—Cain-Sloan Co. (Allied Stores Corp.) 209 5 Ave. N., store addn. and parking lot. $6,000,000. CD 10/1/51.

▲ **Tex., Carrollton**—DWELLINGS—The Cato Corp., 9747 H. Hines Blvd., Dallas, 35 dwellings, $366,125; 38 dwellings, $384,445; 30 dwellings, $352,400; 36 dwellings, $377,000; 41 dwellings, $396,550; 44 dwellings, $419,600, large track near limits of Carrollton.

▲ **Tex., El Paso**—DWELLINGS—Sam Guido & Assocs., Caples Bldg., El Paso, (A) 28 dwellings, $380,165 (B) 32 dwellings $396,000 (C) 20 dwellings, $346,200 (D) 35 dwellings, $350,000 (E) 24 dwellings, $363,900 (F) 38 dwellings, $414,160 (G) 26 dwellings, $373,190 (H) 30 dwellings, $356,100, further designated development in large residential subdivision.

▲ **Tex., Houston**—DWELLINGS—Embe Associates, 101 Bearle St., L. Bernheimer, 30 dwellings $350,000; 41 dwellings, $395,100; 45 dwellings $423,500; 43 dwellings, $398,515; 38 dwellings, $381,405; 47 dwellings, $436,600; 32 dwellings, $346,060; 37 dwellings, $370,000; 35 dwellings, $355,190, in Cloverland Subdivision.

▲ **Tex., Pasadena** — STORE — Sears, Roebuck & Co., Pasadena Tex. and 4207 Main St., Houston, plans by Cowell & Neuhaus, 5619 Fannin St., Houston, proj. archts.-engrs. 178,220 sq. ft. masonry, steel mercantile retail store. $2,225,000. CD 7/22.

▲ **Tex., Richardson**—DWELLINGS—George M. Underwood, Jr. & Assocs., New Belt Line Rd., 22 dwellings, $365,000; 36 dwellings, $374,600; 20 dwellings, $345,000; 32 dwellings, $368,185; 28 dwellings, $348,500; 25 dwellings, $367,500, in Richardson Heights.

▲ **Tex., Richardson**—DWELLINGS—Lindsay Embry, W. T. Troth & Assocs., c/o G. M. Underwood, New Belt Line Rd., 30 brick dwellings, $370,000; 19 masonry dwellings, $347,500; 28 brick dwellings, $362,400; 26 brick dwellings, $347,715; 24 brick dwellings, $345,000; 32 brick dwellings, $391,500; 36 brick dwellings, $416,525 in Richardson Heights.

▲ **Tex., San Antonio**—DWELLINGS—N. O. Simmons Bldg. Co., Box 521, Beacon Hill Sta., San Antonio, 25 dwellings, $350,760; 28 dwellings, $369,500; 31 dwellings, $376,000; 33 dwellings, $381,125; 41 dwellings, $390,600; 41 dwellings, $410,445; 38 dwellings, $395,000; northside off N. McCullough Ave.

▲ **Tex., Victoria**—DWELLINGS—E. J. Dysart, Dave Jack & Assocs., Victoria, 40 frame dwellings, $376,600; 37 frame dwellings, $369,875; 35 frame asb. siding dwellings, $358,776; 43 frame dwellings, $396,615; 30 frame, brick trim dwellings, $355,500; 25 frame veneer dwellings $350,500; 20 frame, brick stone dwellings $351,750, in area Mayfair Terrace Subdivision.

▲ **Que., St. Martin**—HOUSING—New York Investment Corp., 8255 St. Lawrence Blvd., 300 units housing program, incl. bungalows, duplexes and apartment type bldgs. $3,000,000.

## INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS

▲ **Calif., San Diego**—PLANT—San Diego Gas & Electric Co., 861 6th Ave., Zone 1, gas distribution plant, 35th and Market Sts. $1,000,000. CD 11/24/50.

▲ **Pa., Phila.**—GAS MANUFACTURING and DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM—Phila. Gas Works Co., 1401 Arch St., gas mfg. and distribution system expansion, $10,000,000.

▲ **Wis., Cassville**—GENERATING PLANT—Wisconsin Power & Light Co., 122 W. Washington St., Madison, steam electric generating plant, $20,000,000. Sargent & Lundy, 140 S. Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill., consult. engrs. Construction in 1957. CD 7/27/54.

## UNCLASSIFIED

▲ **Missouri**—TRANSMISSION LINE—Union Electric Co. Missouri, 315 N. 12 Blvd., St. Louis, Zone 1, 138,000 volt transmission line from Rivermines, sub-station to Cape Girardeau to connect with Missouri Utilities Co. system, $2,000,000. CD 1/10.

▲ **Texas**—TELEPHONE LINES—Mid-Texas Telephone Co., South Texas Bldg., San Antonio, exten. rural telephone service, lines, etc., Lampasas, Coryell and Bell Counties. $1,850,000. REA allot.


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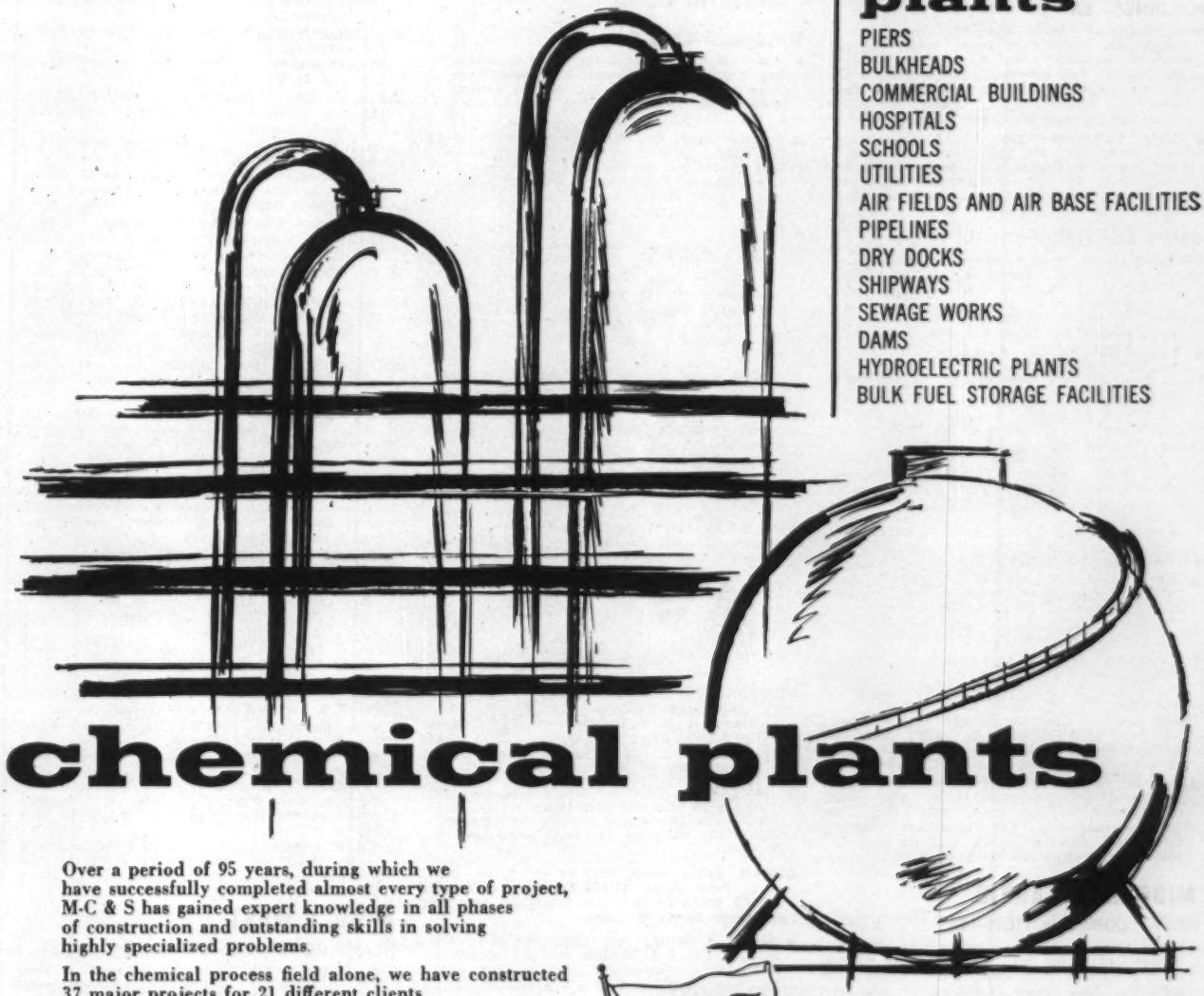

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# Bids—Low Bids—Contracts—Second Section

## NEW ENGLAND

▲ **MASSACHUSETTS**—BA 9/7—Commonwealth of Mass., Dpt. P. Wks., 100 Nashua St., Boston,
**Boston-Dorchester**—hy. and bridge Southeast Expressway Southampton St. to Neponset Circle, $7,500,000. Plans deposit $40 refundable. Edwards, Kelcey & Beck, 165 Congress St., Boston, engrs. CD 2/17/54.

▲† **Mass., Chicopee Falls**—APRON—BA On Or About 9/16—U. S. Eng., 857 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, Zone 15, operational parking apron and hydrant fueling sys., Westover Air Force Base, Eng-19-016-56-21, $2,000,000. Plans deposit $10.

### BUILDINGS—BA

**Mass., Arlington**—SCHOOL—BA 9/1—Town, M. E. Santini, chn. School Bldg. Comn., School Dpt., 23 Maple St., elementary school, North Union and Everett Sts. District, East Arlington, $894,000. Plans deposit $50 refundable. Harry J. Korslund, 506 Washington St., Norwood, archt., Goldberg LeMessuier Assoc., 739 Boyleston St., Boston, engrs. CD 7/27.

▲ **Conn., Wallingford**—HIGH SCHOOL—BA 9/13—Town, School Dpt., c/o Supt. Schools at Moses Y. Beach School, Wallingford, Conn. 54-C-405 AA, high school, South Elm St. $2,500,000. Plans deposit $100. Charles A. Maguire & Assoc., Turks Head Bldg., Providence, R. I., archts.-engrs. CD 10/22/52.

### HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—LB & CA

**MAINE**—State Hy. Comn., State House, Augusta,
**Me.—J. R. Cianchette, Pittsfield, Me.** CA $390,553. bit. con. road 2.182 mi., Proj. D-RD-5 (2), 1, Bangor;
**Me.—Lee Brothers, Albion, Me.** CA $261,931. bit. con. road 3.252 mi., F. A. Secondary Proj. S 0226 (2), "226" Winslow and China. Bids Aug. 3. CD 7/28.

▲ **MASSACHUSETTS**—Commonwealth of Mass., Dpt. P. Wks., 100 Nashua St., Boston,
**Farina Bros. Co.**, 429 Watertown St., Newton, Mass. LB $5,469,289. grade crossing elimination, Salem. Bids Aug. 9. CD 6/24.

**Peabody Constr. Co.**, 27 Farragut Rd., South Boston, Mass. LB $463,184. est. $500,000. P-M 42 Contr. No. 3, fire protection renovation plumbng, WORCESTER, MASS. State, Dpt. Mental Health, c/o Div. Bldg. Constr., 38 Chauncy St., Boston, Mass. Willam W. Drummey, 80 Boylston St., Boston, Mass., archt. Richard D. Kimball Co., 6 Beacon St., Boston, Mass., mech. engr. CD 12/17/52, under Public Buildings.

### BUILDINGS—LB & CA

▲ **Jefferson Constr. Co.**, 75 First St., Cambridge, Mass. CA $2,031,000. Est. $2,440,000. high SCHOOL West Main St., HYANNIS, MASS. Town of Barnstable, c/o H. H. Broadbent, supt. schools, Town Office Bldg., 397 Main St., Hyannis, Mass. CD 7/27, under LB.

**R. R. Jacobucci, Inc.**, 28 Dayton St., Quincy, Mass. LB $436,790. est. $450,000. elementary SCHOOL Albion Rd., WELLESLEY, MASS. Town, Seaward Rd., Wellesley, Mass. Bids Aug. 4. CD 7/20.

**Thomas Lanese & Sons**, 190 Calhoun Ave., Bridgeport, Conn., CA, $350,000. HOSPITAL ADDN., 2820 Main St., BRIDGEPORT, CONN. St. Vincent's Hospital 2820 Main St., Bridgeport, Conn. CD 4/19/54.

▲ **Aberthaw Co.**, 80 Federal St., Boston, Mass., CA Est. $9,000,000. 1 story 1,000,000 sq. ft. brick research LABORATORY, Brainerd Field, HARTFORD, CONN. The Underwood Corp., 581 Capitol Ave., Hartford, Conn. Cabot, Cabot & Forbes, Inc., 60 State St., Boston, Mass., engr. and agent. CD 7/51.

## MIDDLE ATLANTIC

### HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—BA

▲† **New York**—BA 8/30—U. S. Eng., Engineer Park, Niagara and Bridge Sts., Buffalo, remove 893,000 cu. yd. material from south harbor, Buffalo River and Ship Canal; remove 72,032 sq. yd. rock from Buffalo River entrance and harbor deepening proj., Buffalo, Erie Co., CIVENG-30-023-56-4. $2,000,000. Plans deposit $25.

### BUILDINGS—BA

**N. Y., Braircliff Manor**—SCHOOL—BA 9/13—Union Free School Dist. No. 2, High School, Braircliff Manor, elementary school, $500,000. Plans deposit $25. Carr & Wiggins, 80 W. 40 St., New York, archts.

▲ **N. Y., Brooklyn**—SUPREME COURT—BA 9/21—Dpt. P. Wks. Municipal Bldg., New York, Zone 7, Contr. No. B1 general constr.; Contr. No. B2 plumbing work; Contr. No. B3 heating and ventilating work; Contr. No. B4 electrical work for new supreme court bldg., Brooklyn Civic Center, Phase B. Plans deposit $100. CD 10/11/49.

### BUILDINGS—SLC

**Pa., New Castle**—FACTORY—Johnson Bronze Co., New Castle, soon lets contract, 1 story, brick, steel factory, $500,000. CD 5/31.

### HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—LB & CA

▲ **PENNSYLVANIA**—Pennsylvania Turnpike Comn., 11 N. Fourth St., Harrisburg,
**Phoenix Bridge Co.**, Phoenixville, Pa. CA $2,501,454. superstructures of Clarks Summit Bridge (sec. 370) and Lackawanna River Bridge (sec. 37K), northeastern extension, Lackawanna Co. CD 7/29, under LB.

▲ **Rogers Constr. Co.**, R. D. Bell Mountain, Scranton, Pa. LB $1,277,695. Section 37K (south); LB $1,060,650. Section 37 (north) and Section 37L, slushing of mine area on northeastern extension, Lackawanna Co. PENNSYLVANIA. Pennsylvania Turnpike Comn., 11 N. Fourth St., Harrisburg, Pa. Bids Aug. 10. CD 7/29;
**William Heck**, 286 Kitter St., Wilkes-Barre, Pa. LB $78,146. section 37J (Pennsylvania.)
**Wright Contg. Co.**, 504 25 Ave., Columbus, Ga. LB $340,247. storm drain in Colmar Manor Anacostia River Flood Control and Navigation Proj. 82-D, Bladensburg and Edmonston, HYATTSVILLE, MD. Washington Surburban Sanitary Comn., Hamilton St., Hyattsville, Md. Bids Aug. 8.

### BUILDINGS—LB & CA

▲ **Whitewood Estates**, c/o Erwin Gerber & James Pancani, archts., 1180 Raymond Blvd., Newark, N. J. Owner Builds, $3,500,000. 150 HOUSES on tract on Germondo Rd. east of Rte 304, SPRING VALLEY, N. Y.

▲ **Simpson Constr. Co.**, Toms River, New Jersey, CA $1,079,000, general contr., SERVICE BLDGS. In areas 6N and 6S, near Yardville, Mercer Co. on New Jersey Turnpike. NEW JERSEY. New Jersey Turnpike Auth., Admin. Bldg., New Brunswick, N. J. Bids June 7. CD 7/11 under LB.

▲ **Meadowcroft Homes**, c/o Pasford Ltd., 37-01 Broadway, Fairlawn, N. J., Owner Builds, $1,600,000. 78 HOUSES on tract on Fair Lawn Ave. west of Saddle River Rd., 2nd section, FAIRLAWN, N. J.

▲ **Woodlawn Acres Homes**, c/o Pasford Ltd., 37-01 Broadway, Fairlawn, N. J. Owner Builds, $1,250,000. 62 HOUSES on tract on Morris Turnpike and Washington Valley Rd., 2nd section, MOUNT FREEDOM, N. J.

**Coca Cola Bottling Works of Johnstown**, Johnstown, Pa. Owner Builds, $250,000. 2 story, 100x147 ft., brick, block bottling PLANT, JOHNSTOWN, PA.

▲ **Larson Constr. Co.**, 300 Mt. Lebanon Blvd., Pittsburgh, Pa. CA est. $3,500,000. 8 story, bsmnt., brick, APARTMENT, PITTSBURGH, PA. 401 Shady Avenue, Inc., 1714 Investment Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa. (Correction—Contractor changed). CD 3/31, under CA.

**Ragnor Benson, Inc.**, 2 Gateway Center, Pittsburgh, Pa. CA Est. $700,000. 4 story, bsmnt., steel, frame child GUIDANCE CENTER, PITTSBURGH, PA. University of Pittsburgh, Fifth and Bigelow Sts., Pittsburgh, Pa. CD 6/30.

† **Blount Bros. Constr. Co.**, Bell Bldg., Montgomery, Ala. LB $427,000. est. $100,000-$500,000. BLDG. 375 addn., ENG-49-080-56-5-(4), CAMP DETRICK, MD. U. S. Eng., First and Douglas Sts., N.W., Wash., D. C. Bids Aug. 4. CD 7/26

**Jos R. Hughes & Co.**, 5 E. Franklin St., Baltimore 2, Md. LB $652,000. est. $400,000. 1 story, 29x270 ft., 60x110 ft., steel, masonry central STORAGE and KITCHEN Spring Grove State Hospital, CATONSVILLE, MD. State Dpt. P. Imprvs., 506 Park Ave., Baltimore 1, Md. Bids Aug. 4. CD 7/19.

**Warthen & Ward**, 10410 Montgomery Ave., Kensington, Md. LB $456,590. Washington Motor HOTEL on 15-acre site Rte. 240 between Rockville and Caithersburg, ROCKVILLE, MD. Jack Wamsley, Caithersburg, Md. CD 4/28.

▲ **Novak, Sills & Novak**, 1012 14 St., N. W., Wash., D. C., Owner Builds, $1,440,000. 96 brick detached HOMES, WHEATON, MD. John D'Epagnier, 1004 Riply St., Silver Spring, Md., archt.

▲ **Skinker & Garett**, 2607 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Wash. D. C., LB $1,382,000, NURSES DORMITORY, WASH. D. C. Georgetown University, 37th and O Sts., N. W., Wash. D. C. Bids Aug. 10. CD 7/13.

## SOUTH

### HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—LB & CA

† **NORTH CAROLINA**—Bureau P. Rds. Dpt. Commerce, 1440 Columbia Pike, Arlington, Va.
**W. E. Graham & Sons**, Cleveland, N. C., LB $441,470 Proj. 2G2, grading, draining, crushed grav. or stone base course and other work from Sandy Flat Gap north 4.6 mi., Blue Ridge Parkway, Watauga Co. Bids Aug. 4. CD 7/12.

† **Frederick Raff Co.**, Liberty Life Bldg. Charlotte, N. C. CA $698,893, on Item No. 6, heating plants and distr., Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, ENG-31-075-55-61. GOLDSBORO, N. C. U. S. Eng., 308 Customhouse, Wilmington, N. C. Bids July 19. CD 6/15.

**FLORIDA**—State Road Dpt., Tallahassee,
**H. E. Wolfe Constr. Co.**, St. Augustine, Fla., CA, $683,270 maint. traffic, grading roadway, rock base with b. conc. surf. course with binder course, storm sewers widn. 1 concrete, steel bridge, etc. 3.293 mi. State Rd. 5, Fed. Aid Proj. U 003-2(4) Dade Co. Bids May 31, awarded Aug. 5. CD 6/6, under LB.

▲ **Al Johnson Constr. Co.**, 608 Foshay Tower, Minneapolis 2, Minn., CA est. $10,000,000. Chilhowee Hydro-Electric Proj. on Little Tennessee River, near Calderwood, incl. 1,400 ft. dam, 82 ft. high. TENNESSEE. Aluminum Co. of America (Tapco Div.) 1200 Alcoa Bldg., Pittsburgh 19, Pa. CD 10/27/54.

▲ **KENTUCKY**—Commonwealth of Ky., Dpt. Hys., Frankfort,
**George M. Eady Co.**, 340 Byrne St., Louisville, Ky., second low bidder at $1,460,218 has been offered contract to construct 0.417 mi. North-South Expressway, Jefferson Co. Former contractor declined to execute contract. CD 7/15, under CA.

### BUILDINGS—LB & CA

▲ **Samuel Selsky and Louis Zion**, 1401 "K" St., N.W. Wash., D. C., Owner Builds. Est. $1,455,000. 97 brick detached HOMES, between Shirley Hy. and Duke St. ALEXANDRIA, VA. John D'Epagnier, 1004 Ripley St., Silver Spring, Md., archt.

▲ **Patterson-Emerson-Comstock Co. Inc.**, Brown Marx Bldg., Birmingham, Ala., CA $3,250,000. electrical work on $20,000,000 PLANT, HICKORY, N. C. General Electric Co., River Rd., Schenectady, N. Y. CD 6/7, under CA.

**G. L. Wilson Building Co., Statesvile, N. C.** CA $741,700 HOSPITAL. Proj. NC 176, MOUNT AIRY, N. C. Northern Hospital of Surry Co., Mount Airy, N. C. Bids June 7. CD 6/17, under LB.

**Lee Co. Bd. Educ.**, Bishopville, N. C., rejected bids July 12, three SCHOOLS, LB $554,706, BISHOPVILLE, S. C. CD 7/20, under LB.

**Henry C. Beck Co.**, First Natl. Bank Bldg., Atlanta, Ga., CA Approx. $500,000. PLANT to mfr. batteries in Fulton County Industrial area. ATLANTA, GA. Globe-Union, Inc., 900 E. Keefe Ave., Milwaukee, Wis. **Awarded About Aug. 3.**

† **State School Bldg. Auth.**, 41 Exchange Pl., S.E., Atlanta, Ga. rejected bids June 30, 4 SCHOOLS, LB $773,600, HINESVILLE, GA. CD 7/11, under LB.

▲ **Emil Mueller Constr. Co. Inc.**, 70 South Ave., Rochester 4, N. Y., CA Est. $2,000,000. 30-store Roebuck Plaza SHOPPING CENTER, parking area, BIRMINGHAM, ALA. National Plazas, Inc., 19 W. 44 St., New York, N. Y. R. E. Van Alstyne, 70 South Ave., Rochester 4, N. Y. archt. CD 6/2.

**Huntsville Hospital, Inc.**, Huntsville, Ala., rejected bids July 14, 3-story HOSPITAL ADDN., HUNTSVILLE, ALA. CD 7/13.

**State Bldg. Auth.**, State Capitol, Baton Rouge, La. rejected bids, girls' dormitory at Southern University, SCOTLANDVILLE, LA. LB $417,000. CD 8/3, under LB.

**Southern Builders, Inc.**, Box 1815, Shreveport, La. CA $852,000. gymnasium, musical facilities and remodeling of Byrd High SCHOOL, SHREVEPORT, LA. Caddo Parish School Rd., Shreveport, La. Awarded Aug. 3. CD 7/22, under LB.

**J. A. Jones Constr. Co.**, Box 1818, Shreveport, La. CA $829,700. gymnasium, musical facilities and remodeling Fair Parks High SCHOOL Proj. 17, SHREVEPORT, LA. Caddo Parish School Bd., Shreveport, La. Neild-Somdal, 956 Jordan Ave., Shreveport, La., archts. Awarded Aug. 3. CD 9/14/51.

**Forbes & Taylor**, 361 Boiling Springs Dr., Lexington, Ky. LB $579,792. GYMNASIUM for Morehead State College, MOREHEAD, KY. State, Div. Purchases, Frankfort, Ky. Henry A. Spalding, Baker Bldg., Hazard, Ky., archt. Bids Aug. 4. CD 6/30.

† **Malan Constr. Co.**, 2509 42 St. Rd., Long Island City, N. Y. LB $978,000. BLDG. C-420 mechanical work, piping, processing, ventilating, vacuum system, refrigeration, electrical wiring, etc., Inv. 151-55-58, PADUCAH, KY. Atomic Energy Comn., 1901 Constitution Ave., N.W., Wash., D. C. Giffels & Vallet, Inc., 100 Marquette Bldg., Detroit, Mich., archt. Bids Aug. 5.

▲ † **H. K. Ferguson Co.**, 1783 E. 11 St., Cleveland, O. CA est. $9,000,000. Atomic Energy PLANT facilities and alterations, OAK RIDGE, TENN. U. S. Atomic Energy Comn., Oak Ridge, Tenn.

## MIDDLE WEST

### HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—BA

† **O., Dayton**—DORMITORIES—BA 9/13—U. S. Eng., 830 W. Broadway, Louisville, Ky., 3 airmen dormitories, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Eng. 15-029-56-6, $900,000. CD 9/27/51.

### BUILDINGS—BA

▲ **O., Warrensville** (Br. Cleveland) — HOSPITAL — BA 8/29—Cuyahoga County Hospital, Court House, Cleveland, Zone 13, general constr., heating and ventilating, plumbing and drainage, electrical work, elevators, kitchen equip. etc., required for alterations, addn. connecting bldgs. Nos. 1 and 2 at Cuyahoga County Hospital, Warrensville Twp., $1,500,000-$1,600,000. Plans deposit $50. Horn & Rhinehart, 1240 Huron Rd., Cleveland Zone 15, archts.

▲ **O., Toledo**—MARINE TERMINAL—Bids Asked—D. H. Overmyer Warehouse Co., 217 Cherry St., marine terminal incl. 10,000 sq. ft. warehouse, office adjoining cranes, etc., on east bank of Maumee River, $2,000,000. Hahn & Hayes, 723 Adams St., archts. CD 5/16.

### HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—LB & CA

▲ **OHIO**—State Hy. Dpt., Columbus,
**O.—Visintine & Co.**, 1315 Edgehill Rd., Columbus, O. CA $1,130,000. est. $1,096,500. Type T-35 on B-119 and structures, 1.613 mi. S.R.4, Sections (22.97-23.22) Lemon and Madison Twps. and city of Middletown, Butler Co.;
**O.—Bruns Coal Co., Inc.**, P.O. Box 991, Zanesville, O. CA $598,238. est. $661,100, Type T-71 and structure 3.195 mi., U.S.R. 50, Sections (15.86-16.46) Athens and Canaan Twps., Athens Co. CD 8/3, under LB.

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## BUILDINGS—BA

**Goodrich-Gulf Chemicals, Inc.,** (B. F. Goodrich Co. and Gulf Oil Co.), 4317 Chester Ave., Cleveland, O. Own Forces, Est. $500,000. pilot PLANT to mfg. artificial rubber, AVON LAKE, O.

**Leo E. Ruisinger Co., Inc.,** 851 Frebis Ave., Columbus, O. CA $483,525. general contract, HOSPITAL addn., DELAWARE, O. Jane M. Case Hospital, Delaware, O. CD 2/19/54.

† **National Concrete Fireproofing Co.,** 556 Terminal Tower, Cleveland, O. LB $852,028. depot maintenance SHOP for integrated fire control systems, Erie Ordnance Depot, Eng. 46-022-55-46, LACARNE, O. U. S. Eng., 237 Fourth Ave., Huntington, W. Va. Bids June 16. CD 5/24.

▲ **Frank Messer & Sons, Inc.,** 4612 Paddock St., and **Ferro Concrete Constr. Co.,** 203 W. Third St., Cincinnati, O. CA Total Est. $25,000,000. 172 kw addition to Walter C. Beckjord STATION, NEW RICHMOND, O. Cincinnati Gas & Electric Co., Fourth and Main Sts., Cincinnati 1, O.;

**Babcock & Wilcox,** 161 E. 42 St., New York 17, N. Y. CA furnishing and installing equip. (New Richmond, O.).

**Berglund Maintenance Co.,** 8410 S. South Chicago Ave., Chicago, Ill., CA $585,355. Crane Technical HIGH SCHOOL addn., CHICAGO, ILL. Bd. Educ., 228 N. LaSalle St., Chicago 1, Ill. Bids July 1, awarded July 27. CD 7/13 under LB.

▲ **S. M. Wilson & Co.,** 1616 Cleveland Ave., Granite City, Ill., CA, $1,125,000 general, plumbing and heating for SCHOOL bldgs. in Jerseyville, Dow, Fieldon, Delhi, Elsah School addns., Jersey Community High School, Kane and Jerseyville upper bldg. of elementary school, JERSEYVILLE, ILL. Community Unit School Dist. No. 100, Jersey and Greene Counties, Bd. of Educ., Jerseyville, Ill. Bids July 20. D. Clarence Wilson, 1115 Harrison St., Mt. Vernon, archt.

▲ **Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co.,** 1953 Thomas St., Milwaukee 1, Wis., CA total est. $19,500,000. general unit for fourth sect. Oak Creek POWER PLANT, near here. MILWAUKEE, WIS. Wisconsin Electric Power Co., 231 W. Michigan Ave., Milwaukee 3, Wis. CD 11/22/50;

**Combustion Engineering, Inc.,** 208 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y., CA boiler (Milwaukee, Wis.).

**D. G. Beyer, Inc.,** 4204 Menomonee River Parkway, Wauwatosa, Wis., LB, $404,870 (5 bidders) general contract FOOD SERVICE bldg., for Hospital of Mental Diseases, WAUWATOSA, WIS. Milwaukee County Institutions, Wauwatosa, Wis. Bids Aug. 4. M. Pfaller & Assocs., 7613 W. State St., Wauwatosa, archts. CD 1/5/51.

**T. V. John & Son Inc.,** 13555 W. Juneau Blvd., Milwaukee, Wis., LB, $665,000 general contract, Wildwood SCHOOL, WEST ALLIS, WIS. Bd. of Educ., 7510 W. National Ave., West Allis, Wis. Bids Aug. 1. CD 7/7.

▲ **Holly Hills Development,** Leonard Wolfe, 13 Mile and Middlebelt, Farmington, Mich., Owner Builds, $1,700,000. Holly Hills Subdivision and 78 HOMES, FARMINGTON, MICH.

▲ **Collins & Catlin,** Port Huron, Mich. CA $1,157,725. general contract, high SCHOOL, PORT HURON, MICH. City, J. F. Gibbs, city mgr., Port Huron, Mich. Bids July 26. CD 6/23.

▲ **Faber Brothers,** 8120 W. McNichols St., Detroit, Mich. and **Midwest Builders,** 17124 Wyoming St., Detroit, Mich. CA Est. $6,000,000. Ridgemont HOMES SUBDIVISION incl. 400 brick homes, Sioux, Columbia, Nathaline Tecumseh, Hemingway and Laverne Sts. REDFORD, MICH. Detroit Mortgage & Realty Co., 333 W. Fort St., Detroit, Mich.

▲ **Merrill-Threm Co.,** 20602 Harper St., Detroit 36, Mich., Owner Builds, $2,750,000. Star Valley Subdivision incl. 200 brick HOMES Star Valley Dr. and 10 Mile Rd., ST. CLAIR SHORES, MICH.

**Richman, Coleman & Moss,** 8235 Lyndon St., Detroit 38, Mich., Owner Builds, $560,000. Bridemeadows Subdivision incl. 50 or more homes, West Rd. and Allen Rd. section, TRENTON, MICH.

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## HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—BA

▲ **Minn., Crystal**—BA 8/30—Village, K. Evans, clk., trunk and lateral sewer sys., Proj. A, 13,784 lin. ft. 8- to 24-in. vitr. clay and rein.-con. sewer pipe, 43 manholes, 134 6-in. service lines, 24 service wyes, special crossings Crystal and Osseo joint trunk sewer and Lombardy Lane, Vera Cruz and Unity Ave. sewer laterals; Proj. B, 7,795 lin. ft. 10- to 36-in. vitr. clay and rein.-con. sewer pipe, 24 manholes, 71 6-in. service lines, 20 service wyes, special crossings, pavement base replacement Bass Lake Rd. West Broadway and Elmhurst Ave. trunk sewers; Proj. C, 6,751 lin. ft. 10 to 36-in. vitr. clay and rein.-con. sewer pipe, 28 manholes, 80 6-in. sewer lines, 3 service wyes, special crossings, Yates Ave., Douglas Drive and 52 Ave., north trunk sewers; Proj. D, 6,925 lin. ft. 8- to 10-in. vitr. clay and rein.-con. sewer pipe, 1,021 lin. ft. 8-in. c.i. pipe, 26 manholes, 94 6-in. service lines, 7 service wyes, special pipe bedding, pavement base replacement and embankment Rockford Rd. trunk sewer West lift station force main and 43 Ave. north lateral sewers; Proj. E, 15,539 lin. ft. 8-in. vitr. clay sewer pipe, 56 manholes, 293 six 8-in. service lines, pavement base replacement 58 Ave., 59 Ave., Shirley Place, Maryland, Nevada, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Quebec, Rhode Island and Sumpter Ave. sewer laterals; Proj. F, 16,360 lin. ft. 8-in. vitr. clay sewer pipe, 51 manholes, 351 6-in. service lines, special pipe bedding 52, Bernard, 51, Corvallis, 50, Fairview, 49, Lakeside, 48, Byron and 47 Ave. sewer laterals; Proj. G, 21,054 lin. ft. 8-in. vitr. clay sewer pipe, 69 manholes, 432 6-in. service lines, pavement base replacement Brunswick, Adair, Zane, Yates, Zenia, Welcome, West Broadway, 46 and 47 Ave. sewer laterals; Proj. J, 13,642 lin. ft. 10- to 18-in. vitr. clay or rein.-con. sewer pipe, 1,710 lin. ft. 6-in. c.i. pipe, 47 manholes, 53 6-in. service lines, special crossing, special pipe bedding, embankment 32 Ave. to Winnetka Ave., trunk sewer Creek trunk sewer to 36 Ave. and South west lift station, force main; Proj. K, west and southwest sewage lift stations, $1,330,000. Plans deposit $50. Pfeifer & Shultz, 702 Wesley Temple Bldg., Minneapolis, engrs.

▲ **Tex., Corpus Christi**—BA 10/11—Lower Nueces River Water Supply Dist., 211 Weber Bldg., Wesley E. Seale Dam Proj. on Nueces River, 5 mi. south of Mathis. incl. two Ambursen type rein.-con. slab-and-buttress spillways 60 ft. high, approx. 1,346 ft. and 1,560 ft. long respectively; three sects. of rolled fill dam approx. 2,200 ft., 500 ft. and 400 ft. long respectively; outlet structure and appurtenant works; field office bldg. est. $15,500,000. Plans deposit $100. Reagan & McCaughan, 320 Wilson Bldg., Corpus Christi and Ambursen Engineering Corp., 295 Madison Ave., New York 17, N. Y. or 603 Rosalie Ave., Houston Zone 6, engr. adv. ENR 8/25. CD 8/11.

## BUILDINGS—LB & CA

**Minn., New Brighton**—SCHOOL—BA 8/26—Bd. Educ., F. C. White, clk., Pinewood Grade School at County Road 1 and Quincy St., (Ramsey Co.), $550,000. Plans deposit $25. M. & G. Buetow, 1931 University Ave., St. Paul, archt. CD 5/18.

**Mo., Richmond**—HOSPITAL—BA 8/30—Ray Co., hospital, $632,000. J. F. Lauck & Assoc., 6225 Brookside St., Kansas City, Mo., archts. CD 1/12.

▲ **Tex., Killeen**—HOUSING—BA 8/30—U. S. Govt., c/o Purch. & Contrg. Officer, Fort Hood, construct, manage, finance, Wherry Housing Proj. at Gray Air Force Base and Killeen Air Force Base, Est. $1,000,000.

**Tex., Liberty**—COURT HOUSE ANNEX—BA 8/30—Liberty Co., Court House, court house annex. $500,000. Extended date. Wyatt C. Hedrick, 5201 Fannin St., Houston, engr.-archt. CD 7/25.

## BUILDINGS—SLC

**Kan., Kansas City**—CLUBHOUSE—Mission Hills Country Club, 5301 State Line Rd., Kansas City, Kan., soon lets contract clubhouse and swimming pool, $950,000. Kivett & Myers, 1016 Baltimore St., Kansas City, Mo., archts. CD 9/2.

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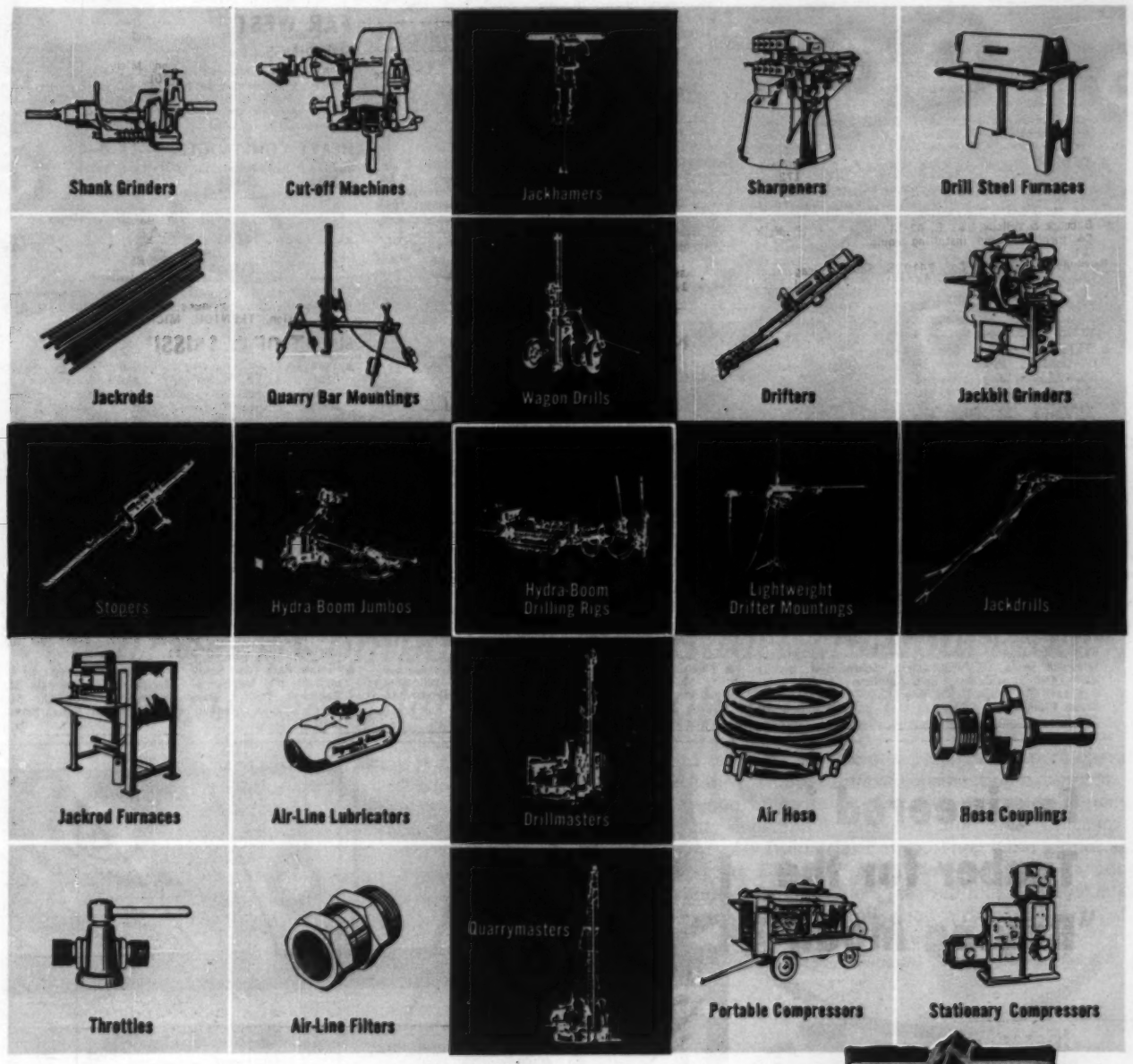


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## HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—LB & CA

† **C. F. Bower Constr. Co.**, Nebraska City, Neb., CA $664,337, standard dikes and revetment, Missouri River, Inv. 25-066-56-2. IOWA. U. S. Eng., 1709 Jackson St., Omaha, Neb. Bids July 22, awarded Aug. 3. CD 7/28 under LB.

† **Pine Bluff Sand & Gravel Co.**, Foot of Nebraska St., Pine Bluff, Ark., LB $465,766. repair standard dikes and revetment, Missouri River, Ponca Bend-Sioux City, Inv. 25-066-56-12. IOWA U. S. Eng., 1709 Jackson St., Omaha, Neb. Bids Aug. 5. CD 7/29.

**Craighead Electric Co-operative Corp.**, Jonesboro, Ark., Force Account. $637,000. 111 mi. rural distr. lines and sys. imprvs., Craighead Co. ARKANSAS. CD 6/22.

▲ **KANSAS**—Kansas Turnpike Auth., P. O. Box 681, Topeka,

**Tecon Paving Co.**, 1201 Main St., Dallas, Tex. LB $1,460,209. c. conc., Proj. 8-32 and 33-P (1), Douglas Co.; LB $960,621. c. conc., Proj. 8-34-P (1), Douglas and Leavenworth Counties; LB $1,776,-921. c. conc., Proj. 9-35 and 36-P (1), Leavenworth Co. Bids Aug. 5. CD 7/22.

**TEXAS**—State Hy. Comn., Austin,

**L. H. Lacy Co.**, 5630 Yale Blvd., Dallas, Tex., CA $950,803, 0.461 mi. Trinity River Bridge, Hy. US 67 and 77, Proj. UI 288 (6), Dallas Co. Bids July 19. CD 7/25 under LB.

▲ **TEXAS**—State Hy. Comn., Austin,

Tex.—**Dodds & Wedegartner, Inc.**, San Benito, Tex. CA $818,616, grading, structures, flexible base, b. conc. pavement 6.721 mi. US 83, Proj. F 93 (4), etc. Cameron Co.;

Tex.—**Collins Constr. Co. of Texas**, P. O. Box 1192, Austin, Tex., CA $585,069, widen, grading, structures, foundation course, b. conc. pavement 10.359 mi. Hy. U. S. 90 and 183, Proj. F 79 (4), Caldwell Co.;

Tex.—**Gilvin-Terrill, Inc.**, P. O. Box 2268, Amarillo, Tex. CA $1,254,408, grading, structures, base, b. conc. pavement and T. & R. R.R. overpass 15.718 mi. Hy. U. S. 80, Proj. IW 235 (26), Howard Co. Grand total $2,658,093. Bids July 20. CD 7/26 under LB.

**COLORADO**—State Hy. Dpt., 518 State Office Bldg., Denver

**Pioneer Constr. Co.**, 2105 Oakland St., Pueblo, Colo., CA $322,325. est. $316,000, grading, stabilization, structures and asphaltic surf. 6.082 mi. Hugo and Wildhorse, Proj. No. F 017-3 (4), Lincoln and Cheyenne Counties. Bids Aug. 4, awarded Aug. 4. CD 7/27.

**Harvey Stenmark**, 285 S. William St., Denver, Colo., LB $533,800, general constr., 2-story bsmnt. educational television studio, DENVER, COLO., School Dist. No. 1, 414 14th St., Denver, Colo. Jamieson & Williams, 810 12th St., Denver, Colo. engrs.-archts. CD 8/18/54; **Crabb Plumbng Co.**, 1948 12th St., Denver, Colo., LB $99,876, plumbing and heating (Denver, Colo.)

## BUILDINGS—LB & CA

**Lenci, Lenci & Englund**, Virginia, Minn. LB $836,800. general contract, 3 story, 144x194 ft. HOSPITAL addn., VIRGINIA, MINN. City, Hospital Comn., J. R. Richardson, pres., Virginia, Minn. Bids Aug. 2. CD 7/8.

▲ **Hawkeye Lumber & Mill Co.**, c/o D. H. Barry and O. T. Barry II, 98 "F" Ave. N. W., Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Owner Builds, $7,500,000. 250 DWELLINGS, near CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA.

† **Eckert-Fair Constr. Co.**, National City Bldg., Dallas, Tex., CA, $581,812, 263-man BARRACKS, Inv. No. ENG-34-066-55-110, FORT SILL, OKLA. U. S. Eng., Box 61, Tulsa 2, Okla. Bids June 15. CD 6/22, under LB.

**Thomas S. Byrne, Inc.**, Fort Worth Natl. Bank Bldg., Fort Worth, Tex., CA $830,000. 3-story 75-bed HOSPITAL expans. FORT WORTH, TEX. Osteopathic Hospital, c/o Dr. Phil Russell, Bd. Chmn., 1837 Hillcrest St., Fort Worth, Tex. Bids Aug. 2. CD 8/8, under LB.

**Childs Constr. Co.** 2716 E. Lancaster St., Fort Worth, Tex., LB $608,106. est. $650,000. 6-story brick, tile, concrete steel OFFICE Bldg., 6200 Camp Bowie Blvd., FORT WORTH, TEX. Rowan Drilling Co., Fair Bldg., Fort Worth, Tex. Bids June 30. CD 7/11, under LB.

▲ **El Dorado Lumber & Building Corp.**, c/o Jack Perry, 1110 Prospect St., Houston, Tex., Own Forces. $410,000. 50 DWELLINGS; $375,000, 40 DWELLINGS; $381,750, 44 DWELLINGS, Grand total $1,-166,750, HOUSTON, TEX. CD 6/20.

**Paul Canto, Builder**, 1423 Thornton St., Houston, Tex. CA $350,000. 26 DWELLINGS; CA $378,400, 30 dwellings, HOUSTON, TEX. Paul Canto, 1423 Thornton St., Houston, Tex. CD 6/6.

▲ **R. E. Baldwin & Assocs.**, 1011 Howard Lane, Houston, Tex., Owner Builds. $382,750, (A) 20 DWELLINGS; $366,195, (B) 16 dwellings; $416,750 (C) 30 dwellings. Grand total $1,165,695. HOUSTON, TEX. CD 7/13.

**O. R. Winter, Builder**, 2406 S. MacGregor St., Houston, Tex. CA $360,000, 30 DWELLINGS; CA $372,522, 33 dwellings, JACINTO CITY, TEX. J. B. Belin, State-Wide Lumber Co., 4120 Lyons St. and O. R. Winter, Developer-Builders, 2406 S. MacGregor St., Houston, Tex. CD 6/6.

▲ **E & R Lumber Co.**, 2726 Texas Ave., Lubbock, Tex. Owner Builds. $349,175 (A) 30 DWELLINGS; $377,610, (B) 38 dwellings; $369,050, (E) 33 dwellings, Grand total $1,095,835. LUBBOCK, TEX. CD 6/6.

▲ † **Geo. A. Rutherford, Inc.**, Box 771, Albuquerque, N. M. LB $1,556,499. 46,500 sq. ft. rein.-con., masonry, HOSPITAL addn., Sanda Base, Eng. 29-005-56-6, ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. U. S. Eng., Box 1538, Albuquerque, N. M. Bids July 28. CD 7/19.

▲ **L. M. Mauldin**, 1441 Columbia Dr., N.E., Albuquerque, N. M., Owner Builds, $1,500,000. 42x413 ft., masonry, 90,000 sq. ft. SHOPPING CENTER, ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. Wm. E. Burk Jr., 512 Yale Ave. S.E., Albuquerque, N. M., archt.

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## BUILDINGS—BA

▲ **Wash., Puyallup**—HIGH SCHOOL—BA 8/30—School Dist. 3, Puyallup, 84,000 sq. ft. steel frame junior high school with hot water heating. $1,000,000. Plans deposit $25. R. B. Price, 2907A St., Tacoma, archt. CD 11/15/54.

## HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—LB & CA

**Guy F. Atkinson Co.**, Box 259, Long Beach, Calif., LB, $765,476, wharf at Pier B, Berths 12 and 13, Long Beach Middle Harbor, LONG BEACH, CALIF. Long Beach Harbor Dpt., 1333 El Embarkadero, Long Beach, Calif. Bids Aug. 4. CD 7/21.

▲ **Johnson-Western Constr. Co. and E. A. Irish**, 2100 W. Wilmington-San Pedro Rd., San Pedro, Calif., CA, $1,119,662, est. $750,000. Proj. 10, Normandie storm drain, Gardena, LOS ANGELES, CALIF. Los Angeles County Flood Control Dist., 2250 Alcazar St., Los Angeles, Calif. Bids July 22, awarded Aug. 2. CD 7/27, under LB.

## BUILDINGS—LB & CA

▲ **Ford J. Twaits Co.**, 449 S. Beaudry St., Los Angeles, Calif., CA $2,096,000. 3 and 4 story rein.-con. HOSPITAL, ARCADIA, CALIF. Hospital Foundation of the Methodist Church, 2826 S. Hope St., Los Angeles, Calif. Bids July 27. CD 8/2, under LB.

**C & R Constr. Co. Inc.**, 3719 N. Huntington Dr., Pasadena, Calif., CA, $479,970. 32 frame, stucco DWELLINGS, Tracts 21122 and Tract 18820 ARCADIA, CALIF. Arcadia Acres, 3719 N. Huntington Dr., Pasadena, Calif.

▲ **C. W. Driver, Inc.**, 2618 Temple St., Los Angeles, Calif., CA $1,020,000. AUDITORIUM and Burbank High School addn., BURBANK, CALIF. Burbank Unified School Dist., 245 E. Magnolia St., Burbank, Calif. Bids July 28. CD 8/2.

▲ **H. B. Nicholson**, 880 E. Colorado St., Pasadena, Calif. CA $2,211,000. est. $2,000,000. Junior HIGH SCHOOL, 220 St. and Moneta Ave., Wilmington, LOS ANGELES, CALIF. Los Angeles Bd. Educ., 1425 S. San Pedro St., Los Angeles, Calif. Bids July 15, awarded Aug. 2. CD 6/21.

▲ **Belair Park** (Gus Sousa, G. A. Cianciarula and E. W. McGah), c/o Beckett & Federighi, 1441 Franklin St., Oakland, Calif., Own Forces, $8,000,000. 500 HOUSES, and shopping center in North Napa, NAPA, Calif.


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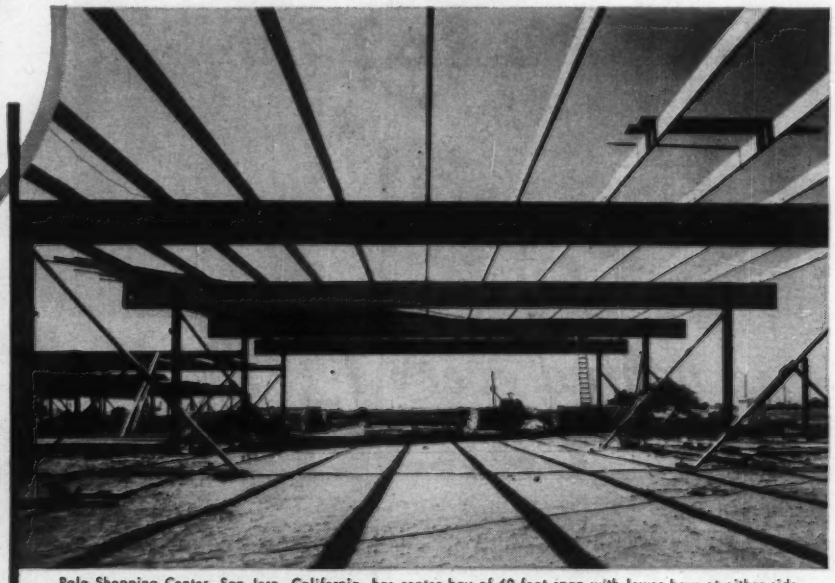

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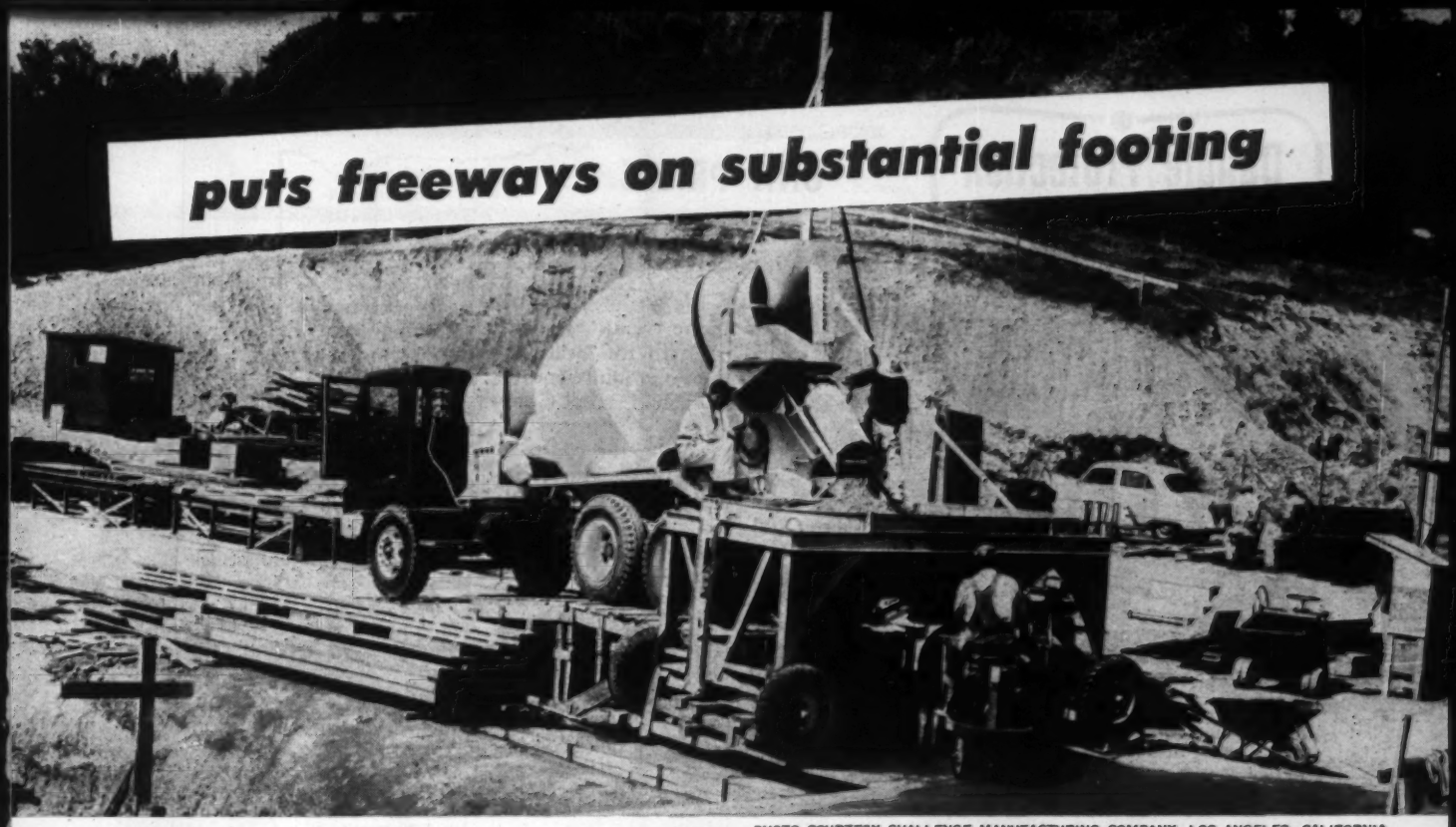


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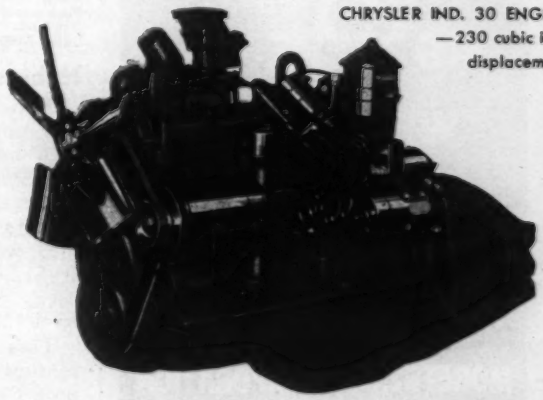

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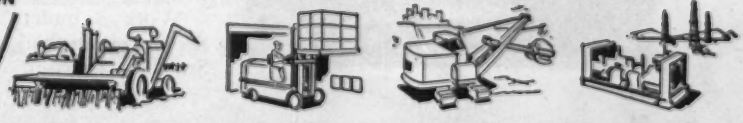

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# UNIT PRICES

## Oahe Dam Outlet

Stage IV of the Oahe Reservoir Project, near Pierre, South Dakota, drew five bidders with the award, at $4,631,805, to the Foley joint venture. Work is for the Omaha District Corps of Engineers.

The contract calls for the construction of six control substructures, including tunnel transitions, to a depth of about 200 feet.

Minimum hourly wage rates include: air tool operator (jackhammer vibrator) $1.35, carpenters $2.275, ironworkers, structural and reinforcing $2.675, general laborers $1.30, shovel, crane, 3½ yd and over $2.38, shovel, crane, 3½ yd and under $2.23, dozer $2.10, truck drivers, 1½ to 5 ton $1.30, and over 5 ton (Euclid) $1.65.

Bidders include:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1C | Foley Bros., Inc., St. Paul, Winston Brothers Constr. Co., Minneapolis, C. F. Lytle Co., Sioux City, Donovan Constr. Co., St. Paul, Missouri Valley Construction Co., Leavenworth, Kans. | $4,631,805 |
| 2 | Al Johnson Const. Co. Minneapolis, Minn. | 4,751,843 |
| 5 | M. J. Boyle & Co., Chicago, Ill. | 5,969,198 |
| EE | Corps of Engineers, Omaha, Nebr., (without profit) | 4,170,093 |

Completion 12-31-57

| Bids: 6-8-55 Items | Unit | Quantity | Unit Prices 1C | 2 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Excavation | cy | 80,000 | $15.50 | $7.96 |
| Concrete in shaft | cy | 26,200 | 26.00 | 26.90 |
| Conc in water passage | cy | 26,500 | 31.00 | 39.30 |
| Portland cement | bbl | 66,000 | 4.27 | 6.23 |
| Steel reinforcement | lb | 6,400,000 | 0.11 | 0.15 |
| Structural steel | lb | 2,006,000 | 0.18 | 0.23 |
| Miscellaneous metal | lb | 525,500 | 0.45 | 0.38 |
| Mine ties | lf | 91,000 | 0.56 | 0.64 |
| Wire mesh to 74,500 | lb | 74,500 | 0.24 | 0.36 |
| Wire mesh over 74,500 | lb | 7,800 | 0.16 | 0.36 |
| Steel waterstops | lf | 27,150 | 2.00 | 2.40 |
| Rubber waterstops | lf | 1,240 | 6.20 | 5.15 |
| Piezometer & pond line systems | ls | ..... | 15,000 | ..... |
| Pneum-placed mortar to 4,800 | sack | 4,800 | 9.60 | 6.30 |
| over 4,800 | sack | 5,000 | 4.50 | 6.30 |
| Drilling grout holes | lf | 18,000 | 1.10 | 2.78 |
| Grout pipe | lb | 42,300 | 0.78 | 0.45 |
| Portland cmt in consolid grt, to 1,200 | cf | 1,200 | 2.00 | 1.50 |
| over 1,200 | cf | 4,800 | 1.40 | 1.53 |
| Place consolid grt to 2,200 | cf | 2,200 | 10.00 | 2.25 |
| over 2,200 | cf | 8,800 | 0.70 | 2.30 |

## Nebraska Soil Conservation

Two detention dams and one stabilization dam in Gage County, Neb., drew four bids to the Soil Conservation Service. A detention dam 2 miles north of Pickrell, Neb., to retard floodwaters on Indian Creek watershed, went to Boeve Construction Co at $12,345, $2,449 below the engineer's estimate. This structure is to be 1,120 by 30 ft, top width 12 ft.

Tom J. Helean, will construct a detention dam and stabilization dam near Cortland under a total $9,531 contract. The 700x22-ft detention dam will have a top width of 11 ft; the 450x23-ft stabilization dam, a top width of 9 ft.

Work is under Soil Conservation Service watershed engineer L. E. Smedley, Lincoln, Neb.

Wage rates include: air tool operators $1.25 per hr; labor unskilled $1.15, concrete $1.25; operators, clamshell and dragline and shovel $2.00, motor grader $1.85, tractor, farm $1.25, tractor 55 hp and less $1.50 over 55 hp $1.85, bulldozer $1.85; truck driver, under 5-ton $1.25, over 5-ton $1.50.

Concrete is to be class B, 3,000 psi strength in 28-day test.

Bidders include:

**Detention dam 15A near Pickrell**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1C | Boeve Construction Co., Sterling, Neb. | $12,345 |
| 2 | Tom J. Helean, Hanover, Kansas | 12,934 |
| 4 | Drake Bros & Schwisow, Western, Nebraska | 13,330 |
| EE | Soil Conservation Service, Lincoln, Neb | 14,794 |

Completion: 115 days; liquidated damages $25.00 per day

| Bids: 6-27-55 Items | Units | Quantity | Unit Prices 1C | 2 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Concrete, class B | cy | 34.1 | $40.50 | $40.00 |
| Reinforcing steel | lb | 1,733 | 0.15 | 0.15 |
| Structural steel | lb | 330 | 0.20 | 0.20 |
| Embankment, class 2 | cy | 35,000 | 0.198 | 0.22 |
| Principal spillway, 24" ϕ std str conc culv P | lf | 126 | 9.90 | 10.00 |
| Welded stl P, 8" ϕ 14-ga | lf | 82 | 2.25 | 2.00 |
| Gate vlv 8" ϕ, w/valve stem extension | ea | 1 | 175.00 | 158.00 |
| Inlet filter house of 38" ϕ 12-ga CMP | ea | 1 | 140.00 | 75.00 |
| Gravel fndn drains with 8" ϕ CMP | lf | 450 | 2.25 | 2.00 |
| New fence, type 2 | lf | 1,230 | 0.34 | 0.38 |
| 3 | lf | 1,000 | 0.37 | 0.40 |
| Watercourse | lf | 200 | 0.60 | 0.05 |
| Excavation common | cy | 200 | 0.20 | 0.50 |

**Detention & stabilization dams near Cortland**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1C | Tom J. Helean, Hanover, Kansas | $9,531 |
| 2 | Boeve Construction Co., Sterling, Neb | 10,333 |
| 4 | Kiester-Walker Const. Co., Geneva, Neb. | 11,622 |
| EE | Soil Conservation Service, Lincoln, Neb. | 9,846 |

Completion: 90 days; liquidated damages $25.00 per day

| Bids: 6-23-55 Items | Unit | Quantity | Unit Prices 1C | 2 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Detention dam 6C:** | | | $6,398 | $7,054 |
| Concrete, class B | cy | 35.3 | 40.00 | 48.00 |
| Reinforcing steel | lb | 2,217 | 0.15 | 0.20 |
| Structural steel | lb | 570 | 0.20 | 0.20 |
| Embankment, class 2 | cy | 10,050 | 0.22 | 0.218 |
| Principal spillway, 24" ϕ std str conc culv P | lf | 96 | 10.00 | 11.90 |
| Gate vlv 10" ϕ with stem extension | ea | 1 | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| Welded stl P 10" ϕ, 14-ga | lf | 33 | 3.00 | 4.25 |
| Perf CMP 38" ϕ inlet, filter house | ea | 1 | 150.00 | 152.00 |
| New fence, type 1 | lf | 2,050 | 0.38 | 0.33 |
| Excavation, common | cy | 200 | 0.20 | 1.00 |
| **Stabilization dam 6-10:** | | | 3,134 | 3,279 |
| Concrete, class B | cy | 1.95 | 50.00 | 55.00 |
| Reinforcing steel | lb | 52 | 0.15 | 0.20 |
| Structural steel | lb | 429 | 0.20 | 0.20 |
| CMP riser 30" ϕ, 14-ga, 8' | ea | 1 | 90.00 | 88.00 |
| Principal spillway, 24" ϕ 14-ga CMP | lf | 84 | 8.00 | 9.00 |
| Std met diaphragms 14-ga for 24" CMP | ea | 3 | 90.00 | 125.00 |
| Embankment, class 2 in dam, wing dike, core tr | cy | 5,510 | 0.22 | 0.22 |
| Lumber, creosote treated | fmb | 42 | 0.50 | 1.00 |
| New fence, type 1 | lf | 1,505 | 0.45 | 0.40 |

## Correction: Barnhart Island Power Plant, U. S. Side

A type slip in the June 30, 1955 issue of ENR resulted in scrambling some of the contract unit prices. Near the bottom of the middle column these five corrections should be noted, p. 70.

| Items | Contract as printed | Price corrected |
|---|---|---|
| Built-up roofg, vapor barrier & insulation | $0.00 | $0.58 |
| Foamglass insulation | 0.58 | 0.20 |
| Insulated alum panels | 1.20 | 1.93 |
| Alum, orn & misc | 3.93 | 3.10 |
| spandrel & col trm | 55,010 | 55,000 |

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- Gearshift Lever Arm Bushing
- Replacement Tubes
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- Spring Shackle Bushings
- Fender & Engine Compartment Dust Shield
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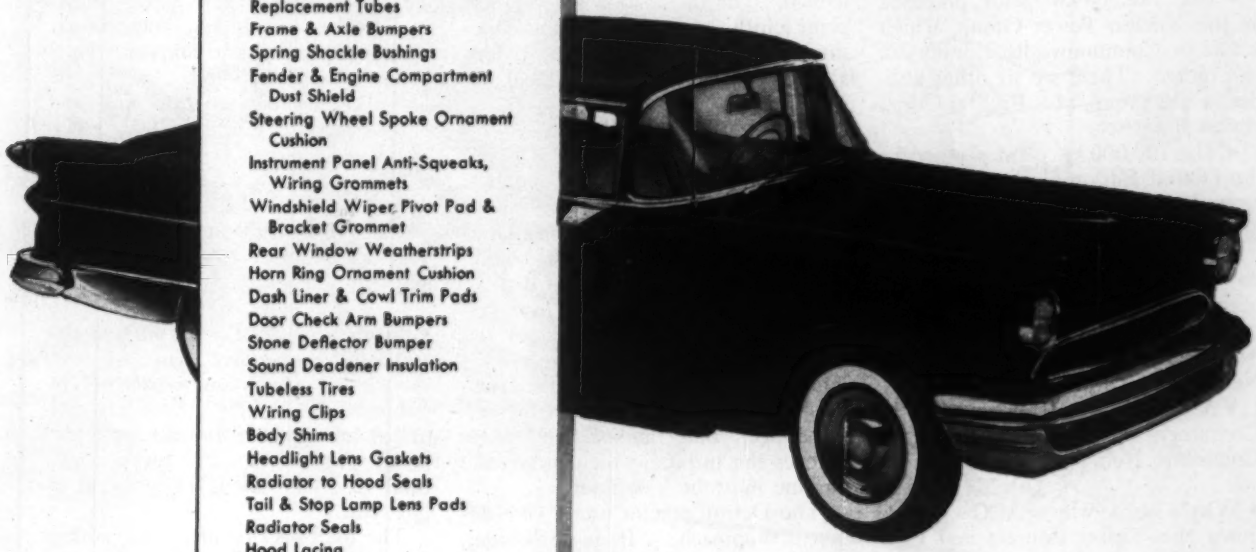
- Windshield Wiper Pivot Pad & Bracket Grommet
- Rear Window Weatherstrips
- Horn Ring Ornament Cushion
- Dash Liner & Cowl Trim Pads
- Door Check Arm Bumpers
- Stone Deflector Bumper
- Sound Deadener Insulation
- Tubeless Tires
- Wiring Clips
- Body Shims
- Headlight Lens Gaskets
- Radiator to Hood Seals
- Tail & Stop Lamp Lens Pads
- Radiator Seals
- Hood Lacing
- Fender Seals
- Hood Bumpers
- Bumper Grommet
- Glove Box Door Bumpers
- Gas Tank Filler Neck Grommet
- Sill Mats & Attaching Grommets
- Defroster Hose
- Door Bumpers



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# AEC Approves Two Big A-Plant Projects

**Commission OK's proposed plants at Chicago and Detroit, rejects two other applications; no word yet on Con Ed**

The Atomic Energy Commission last week OK'd plans of two private groups to build large-scale experimental nuclear power plants—and rejected two others. All four proposals were submitted to AEC earlier this year as part of its power demonstration reactor program (ENR Apr. 14, p. 110).

AEC will license:

• The 180,000-kw plant proposed by the Nuclear Power Group, which is lead by Commonwealth Edison Co. of Chicago. There are six other utilities in this group, plus Bechtel Corp., of San Francisco.

• The 100,000-kw plant planned by the Detroit Edison Group, headed by Detroit Edison Co. with 10 other utility companies.

AEC found that two other projects do not offer "acceptable bases for negotiation." These were:

• A 100,000-kw project by Yankee Atomic Electric Co., formed by 12 New England utilities.

• A 75,000-kw reactor proposed by Consumers Public Power District, of Columbus, Neb.

• **Why?**—Just why AEC turned down the Yankee Atomic and Consumers Power proposals is not known. Reports are that both plans involved substantial capital grants from the government. The door is still open for further proposals from both parties. Discussions are proceeding this week.

• **No sign**—Meanwhile, AEC gave no sign as to when it would act on the proposal of Consolidated Edison Co. of New York to build the biggest A-plant of all so far—a 236,000-kw plant near Peekskill, N. Y. Con Ed submitted its application for a license before any of the others.

• **Chicago reactor**—Both the Nuclear Power Group and the Detroit Edison Group plan to build their plants without capital grants from AEC. General Electric Co. already has a $45-million lump-sum contract to build the plant for NTG at the junction of the Kankakee and Des Plaines Rivers, about 44 mi southwest of Chicago. GE will design and supply equipment. Bechtel Corp. will design and build the plant as subcontractor. Of the cost, $30 million will be put up by Commonwealth Edison, which will own the plant. The other members will put up $15 million in return for experience. On this basis, the plant would cost $250 per installed kw.

• **Detroit reactor**—The Detroit Edison Group will build at Monroe, Mich. So far, a contractor has not been named. The members will own their plant jointly, with Detroit Edison buying the steam from the group. Estimated cost is $45 million, or $450 per installed kw.

• **Different approaches**—The NPG and Detroit Edison reactors involve different principles. The first one—which will be Commonwealth Edison's Dresden station—is a dual-cycle boiling water reactor. Its designers believe it has two major advantages over previous models. These advantages are: (1) There is no heat exchanger. (2) The system has a self-compensating safety factor. Against this is the disadvantage that radioactive water reaches the turbine, which means the turbine must be leak-proof.

The Detroit reactor uses a very different approach. It is a breeder, creating more fuel than it uses up. In this reactor, the neutrons produced by fission of U-235 atoms convert the U-238 atoms that are also present to plutonium, which itself is a fine atomic fuel. More of these plutonium atoms would be produced than are consumed. The extra plutonium would be removed periodically from the reactor for use as fuel or in weapons.

In the Detroit reactor, the heat produced by fission would be carried by liquid sodium to a heat exchanger. The molten metal would pass through this water-filled heat exchanger in a closed circuit, turning water into steam for the turbogenerator.

## Fast In-Flow of Proposed Work Is Healthy Base for the Boom

New proposed work flowed into ENR's backlog at a healthy rate during July, providing a solid basis for the future of the construction boom. ENR reported projects estimated to cost nearly $1.6 billion as proposed last month. This pushes the total backlog of jobs in the planning stage to a new high of nearly $86 billion.

During the first seven months of this year, total value of proposed projects reached a record $12.6 billion. This is 37% over last year—a very encouraging volume of planning that is good news for future contracts.

• **State and municipal**—Sparking the rise so far this year is state and municipal work. This also is a bullish sign, since volume of contracts awarded this year is not up anywhere near as much over 1954 as private contracts. About $873 million in state and municipal projects were proposed during July. That brings the total state and local work proposed for the first seven months to a record $6.7 billion, about 67% above the same 1954 period.

Federal work also is flowing into the backlog much faster than last year. The seven-month total is $314 million, up 25%.

• **Private projects**—Private projects also are coming in faster than last year, though not at the smart pace set by public works. In July, private jobs estimated to cost $622 million were proposed. That brings the seven-month total to $5.6 billion, 14% ahead of last year.

The total backlog of private work is $35.4 billion, up 7% since the start of the year. In other words, it has gained in spite of a record volume of projects moving into the contract stage.

## Cement Troubles in Canada: Shortages Mostly in the West

Canada is having its troubles with cement shortages, too. With a record building year, there are spot shortages, mainly in western Canada. The worst shortages are being felt in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta, where imports of U. S. and some European cement are helping out in some sections. Manitoba oil fields are using a carload a day.

• **Hudson Bay**—The cross-Atlantic shipments arrive by way of Fort Churchill on Hudson Bay. This is a short route that is practical in summer. Conditions in Manitoba are expected to improve in the fall, when a new cement plant at Fort Whyte gets into peak production.

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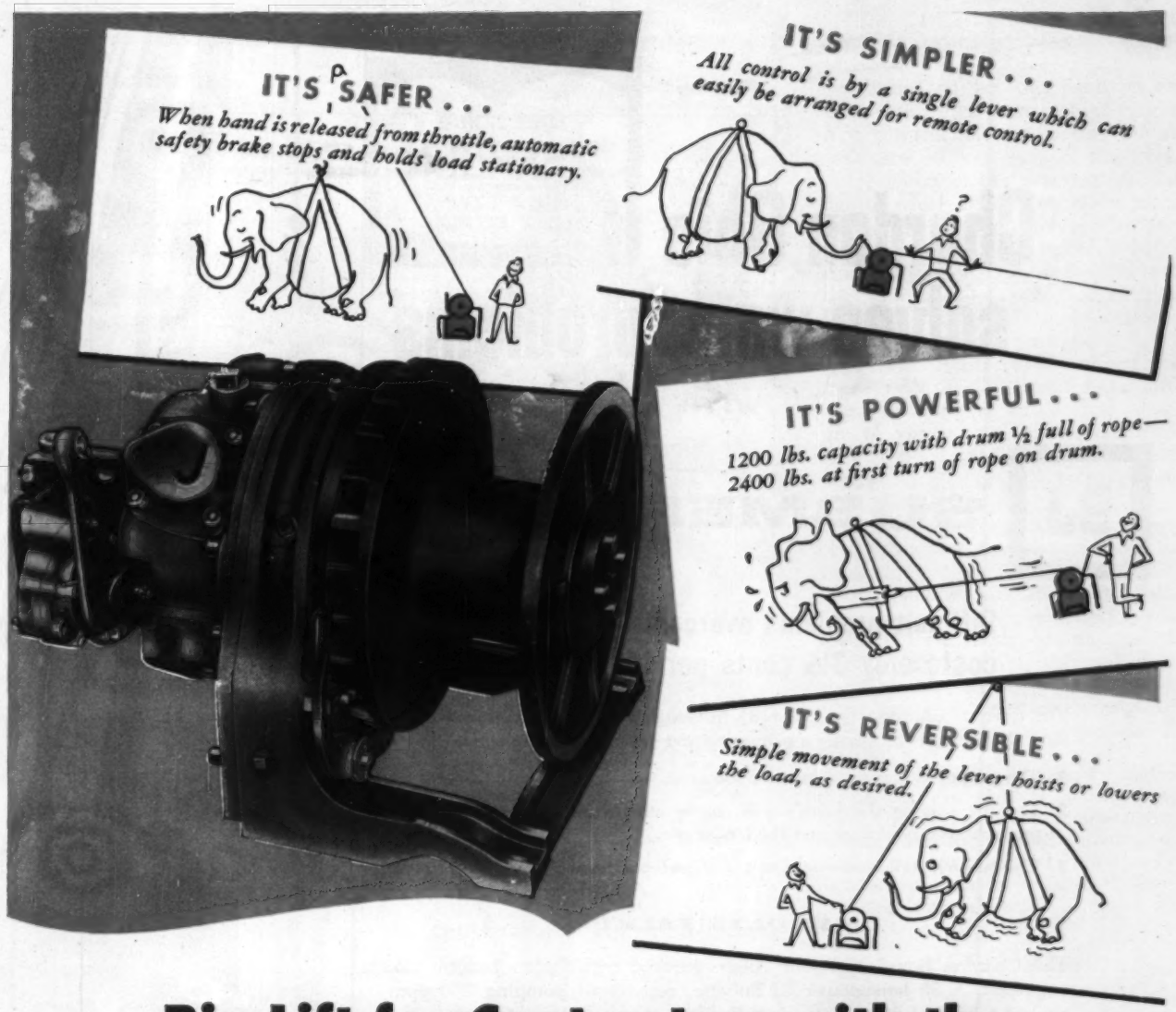
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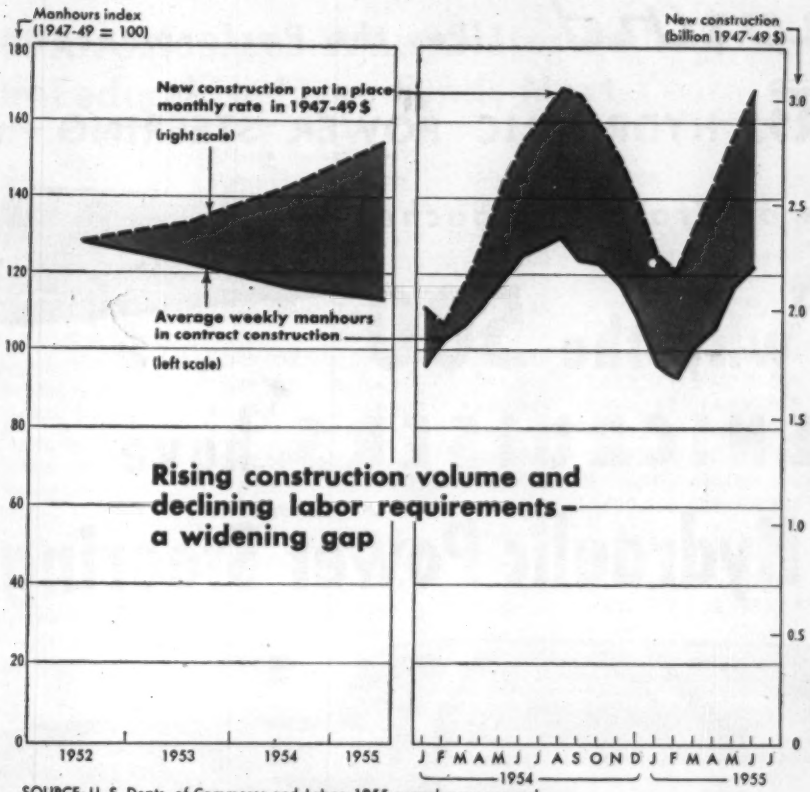


SOURCE: U. S. Depts. of Commerce and Labor; 1955 annual averages and June 1955 manhours index estimated by McGraw-Hill Dept. of Economics

# THE LONGER LOOK:

## Contract employment in construction keeps declining, while construction volume rises. What's going on?

Construction employment has not been keeping pace with the steady year-to-year climb in construction volume. In fact, government figures show that since 1952 a mounting volume of construction has been put in place by fewer workers each year. Average contractor employment fell 4% from 1952 to 1954, and it is down again this year.

The drop in contract construction labor requirements is even more striking when put in terms of manhours—employment multiplied by average number of hours worked (chart, above). This is because the average workweek has been declining, too. In 1954 almost 10% fewer manhours were worked in contract construction than in 1952. But meanwhile the volume of construction (after allowing for cost increases) jumped 12%.

• **ENR saw it**—ENR called attention to this growing discrepancy early this year in its Annual Report and Forecast issue (Feb. 17, p. 60). It suggested then that part of the gap might be caused by a rise in manhour productivity. Obviously, this could be only a partial answer. Anyone who believes that productivity is the whole answer would have to assume a staggering increase of some 10% a year in productivity between 1952 and 1954.

The government agencies responsible for official construction statistics (the Departments of Commerce and Labor) caution that the figures on construction put in place and contract employment may also be diverging for other reasons. The March issue of Construction Review, published by these departments, lists several additional reasons that help explain the gap:

(1) Force-account construction goes into the figures on new work put in place, but of course force-account labor is not included in the contract employment figure. So a big increase in new construction by a chemical company or some government agency using its own work force would not show up in the employment series.

(2) Repair and maintenance expenditures, on the other hand, do not go into the new construction figures. Yet construction contractors do an estimated 30% to 40% of this work.

(3) Errors in the new construction figures, which are only estimates based on an assortment of sources of widely varying accuracy, can be fairly large. And the "phasing" of big projects over the months that work presumably takes place is based in some instances on prewar patterns.

(4) The construction cost indexes used to deflate the current dollar estimates cannot give an accurate measure of physical volume of construction, as they are based primarily on prices and do not reflect changes in design and methods.

(5) The "mix" of different types of construction changes from year to year, some types requiring far less labor for the same dollar volume than other types. In private residential building, for example, one manyear of work is estimated to represent only about $13,000 of construction volume, while a manyear on atomic energy installations accounts for an average of $20,000.

(6) The employment estimates themselves can produce inconsistencies. For instance, some contractors operate in other business activities as well as construction, and employes in such activities are included in the employment reports along with those in actual construction jobs.

• **Revised figures**—Revisions announced a few weeks ago by the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics point up still another possibility for error in the employment figures. The monthly estimates are based on reports from a large sample of employers, but periodically BLS revises the figures to tie them in with Social Security tax reports. The latest revision—using the first quarter of 1954 as a "benchmark"—resulted in lower estimates of contract employment for most of 1953 and all of 1954.

Most of the decline shown in the revised employment series between 1952 and 1954—100,000 out of a total 107,000—was reported for general building contractors.

• **Productivity gain is clear**—Despite all these chinks in the statistics, the basic trends of rising construction volume and falling labor requirements are clear. Inadequate figures make it impossible to tell how great the gain in productivity is, but contractors are showing year after year that they can do more work with fewer employes.

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| State | Primary highway system | Secondary or feeder roads | Urban highways | Interstate System | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alabama | $6,717,934 | $5,209,834 | $2,272,219 | $3,534,866 | $17,734,853 |
| **Arizona** | **4,746,473** | **3,232,256** | **674,603** | **1,975,320** | **10,628,652** |
| Arkansas | 5,272,837 | 4,219,878 | 970,219 | 2,507,179 | 12,970,113 |
| **California** | **14,521,798** | **7,475,335** | **15,417,145** | **9,792,836** | **47,207,114** |
| Colorado | 5,689,666 | 3,800,399 | 1,441,432 | 2,307,752 | 13,239,249 |
| **Connecticut** | **2,048,002** | **1,034,250** | **3,358,925** | **1,659,495** | **8,100,672** |
| Delaware | 1,551,375 | 1,034,250 | 355,693 | 1,077,343 | 4,018,661 |
| **Florida** | **5,146,468** | **3,364,307** | **3,109,943** | **2,939,167** | **14,559,885** |
| Georgia | 7,803,345 | 5,962,692 | 2,527,598 | 4,045,342 | 20,338,977 |
| **Idaho** | **3,902,559** | **2,744,957** | **333,787** | **1,738,744** | **8,720,047** |
| Illinois | 12,163,280 | 6,619,637 | 12,129,168 | 8,116,903 | 39,028,588 |
| **Indiana** | **7,489,629** | **5,163,108** | **4,149,253** | **4,222,758** | **21,024,748** |
| Iowa | 7,621,742 | 5,579,210 | 2,059,014 | 3,548,249 | 18,808,215 |
| **Kansas** | **7,655,644** | **5,360,767** | **1,630,111** | **3,170,269** | **17,816,791** |
| Kentucky | 5,861,614 | 4,861,975 | 1,801,096 | 3,232,347 | 15,757,032 |
| **Louisiana** | **4,942,280** | **3,576,617** | **2,542,360** | **2,634,407** | **13,895,664** |
| Maine | 2,657,051 | 1,901,353 | 724,853 | 1,391,238 | 6,674,495 |
| **Maryland** | **2,794,386** | **1,708,629** | **2,943,514** | **2,049,815** | **9,496,344** |
| Massachusetts | 3,994,174 | 1,475,320 | 7,218,797 | 3,656,939 | 16,345,230 |
| **Michigan** | **9,858,361** | **6,017,283** | **8,072,113** | **6,205,304** | **30,153,061** |
| Minnesota | 8,325,596 | 5,872,583 | 2,824,202 | 3,941,091 | 20,963,472 |
| **Mississippi** | **5,646,870** | **4,705,728** | **960,232** | **2,757,388** | **14,070,018** |
| Missouri | 9,228,984 | 6,244,187 | 4,271,268 | 4,719,780 | 24,464,219 |
| **Montana** | **6,338,148** | **4,360,394** | **408,398** | **2,419,567** | **13,526,507** |
| Nebraska | 6,127,828 | 4,346,876 | 1,017,210 | 2,429,657 | 13,921,571 |
| **Nevada** | **4,067,717** | **2,718,588** | **132,088** | **1,784,039** | **8,702,432** |
| New Hampshire | 1,551,375 | 1,034,250 | 513,628 | 1,077,343 | 4,176,596 |
| **New Jersey** | **4,081,077** | **1,369,283** | **7,592,209** | **3,759,671** | **16,802,240** |
| New Mexico | 5,142,251 | 3,532,692 | 569,192 | 2,085,683 | 11,329,818 |
| **New York** | **14,890,167** | **5,969,236** | **23,182,089** | **2,193,741** | **56,235,233** |
| North Carolina | 7,889,021 | 6,730,557 | 2,228,665 | 4,403,745 | 21,251,988 |
| **North Dakota** | **4,636,956** | **3,354,211** | **293,266** | **1,943,458** | **10,237,891** |
| Ohio | 11,004,625 | 6,692,104 | 10,036,440 | 7,378,381 | 35,111,550 |
| **Oklahoma** | **6,792,684** | **4,862,915** | **1,894,839** | **3,107,078** | **16,657,516** |
| Oregon | 5,410,740 | 3,781,446 | 1,390,696 | 2,336,162 | 12,919,044 |
| **Pennsylvania** | **12,401,494** | **7,378,453** | **13,129,903** | **9,151,129** | **42,060,979** |
| Rhode Island | 1,551,375 | 1,034,250 | 1,239,835 | 1,077,343 | 4,902,803 |
| **South Carolina** | **4,296,021** | **3,551,622** | **1,193,051** | **2,346,686** | **11,387,380** |
| South Dakota | 5,015,308 | 3,578,441 | 336,863 | 2,049,249 | 10,979,861 |
| **Tennessee** | **6,859,664** | **5,346,451** | **2,507,980** | **3,698,867** | **18,412,962** |
| Texas | 20,579,679 | 13,779,662 | 8,308,754 | 9,926,764 | 52,594,859 |
| **Utah** | **3,621,837** | **2,395,894** | **734,900,** | **1,660,770** | **8,413,401** |
| Vermont | 1,551,375 | 1,034,250 | 270,049 | 1,077,343 | 3,933,017 |
| **Virginia** | **5,990,689** | **4,658,508** | **2,704,545** | **3,471,022** | **16,824,764** |
| Washington | 5,231,351 | 3,494,756 | 2,616,940 | 2,750,383 | 14,093,430 |
| **West Virginia** | **3,462,917** | **3,012,527** | **1,128,749** | **2,053,696** | **9,657,889** |
| Wisconsin | 7,469,414 | 5,211,771 | 3,396,239 | 3,946,702 | 20,024,126 |
| **Wyoming** | **3,925,992** | **2,660,899** | **188,578** | **1,744,646** | **8,520,115** |
| Hawaii | 1,551,375 | 1,034,250 | 583,212 | | 3,168,837 |
| **Dist. of Col.** | **1,551,375** | **1,034,250** | **1,498,333** | **1,077,343** | **5,161,301** |
| Puerto Rico | 1,642,677 | 1,716,909 | 1,490,804 | | 4,850,390 |

The Bureau of Public Roads spelled out last week how the $875 million in federal aid scheduled for state highways in the next fiscal year will be divided among the states (table).

The 1957 fiscal year starts July 1, 1956. By making the allocation now, BPR is five months ahead of the time limit. The reason why allocations are made early is to give the states more opportunity to plan their spending.

• **Divided among systems**—As in the current year, the $875 million will be divided like this among federal-aid highway systems:

• The 40,000-mi interstate system will get $175 million.

• Primary rural highways—about 182,000 mi—will get $315 million.

• Primary urban roads—about 14,000 mi—will get $175 million.

• The secondary system will get $210 million. This is made up of 483,000 mi of farm-to-market roads.

• **Matching ratios**—On the primary and secondary systems, states must match federal grants on a 50-50 basis. In states where the federal government owns land, federal aid increases above 50% by half the percentage of the state's total area that is federal land.

On the interstate system, matching is on the basis of 60% federal to 40% state. In states where the U. S. owns land, the federal-aid ratio increases by 0.4% of the percentage of the state's area that is federal land.

About 35% of the federal highway money goes to seven big states. Top state is New York with $56 million.

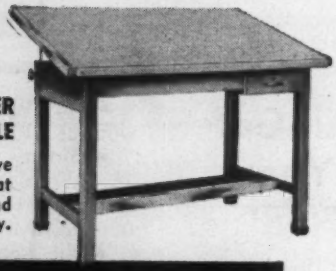
## Lausche Strives to Save Ohio's Axle-Mile Truck Tax

Ohio Governor Frank J. Lausche is working to save the state axle-mile tax on trucks, which was dealt a serious blow by a recent ruling of the State Supreme Court. The court ruled that the tax couldn't be collected from truckers from Michigan, with whom Ohio has a reciprocity agreement. Ohio has to refund about $1 million to Michigan truckers, and loses its claim to another $2 million. The state also has agreements with about 20 other states.

But at last week's Governors' Conference in Chicago, Lausche succeeded in getting Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Tennessee to modify their agreements, while Virginia cancelled its agreement. Lausche is asking all the others to follow suit. There are 19 other states to be heard from, including Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, and Kentucky.

• **Please cooperate**—Lausche is telling other governors that Ohio is "boldly and honestly" trying to provide better highways. If many states fail to cooperate, he says the tax will have to be dropped. He promises that there will be no attempt to collect public taxes or drivers' license fees from out-of-state truckers.

The truck tax, now yielding about $12 million a year, was supposed to help pay off the $500-million highway bond issue authorized by voters in 1953. About 40% of the revenue has been coming from out-of-state truckers.



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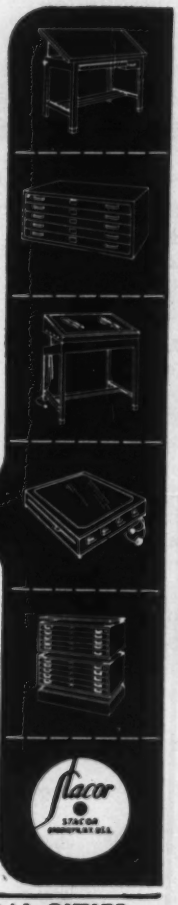

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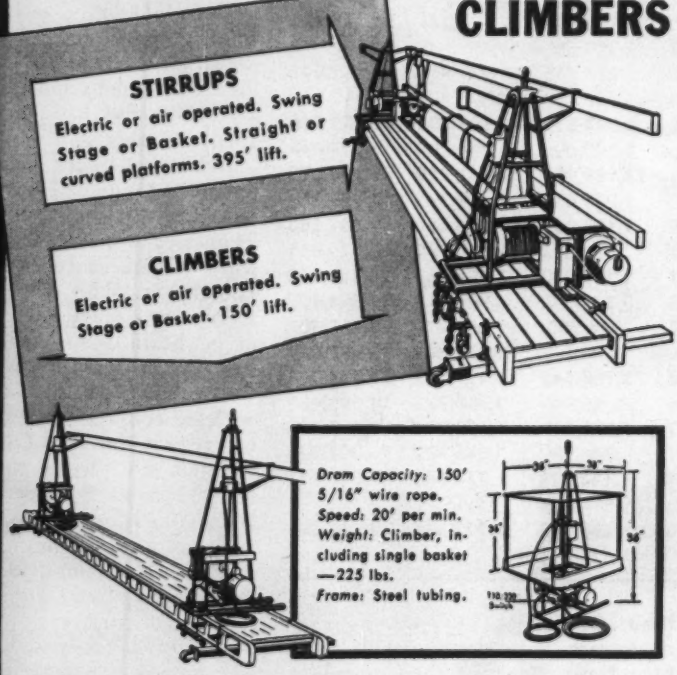


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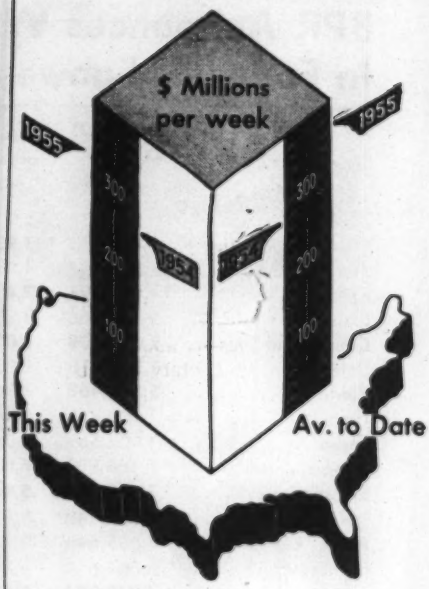


### Amount of contracts let

(millions of dollars)

| By Ownership | This Week | Cumulative 33 wks 1955 | 1954 | % chge |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Federal | $17.7 | $1,155.6 | $798.1 | +45 |
| State and municipal | 116.4 | 3,427.5 | 3,095.5 | +11 |
| Total public | 134.1 | 4,583.1 | 3,893.6 | +18 |
| Total private | 188.1 | 7,499.5 | 5,231.8 | +43 |
| U. S. Total | $322.2 | $12,082.6 | $9,125.4 | +32 |

| By Type of Work | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Waterworks | $15.2 | $174.4 | $142.8 | +22 |
| Sewerage | 6.1 | 244.1 | 239.4 | +2 |
| Bridges | 9.4 | 306.5 | 312.6 | −2 |
| Highways | 46.0 | 1,386.5 | 1,164.5 | +19 |
| Earthwork, waterways | 3.4 | 335.9 | 174.5 | +92 |
| Buildings: | | | | |
| Public, excl. hsg. | 34.8 | 1,138.7 | 1,133.7 | +0.4 |
| Public housg. | 14.7 | 183.4 | 158.8 | +15 |
| Private housg. | 83.6 | 4,087.3 | 2,720.4 | +50 |
| Commercial | 19.5 | 1,098.4 | 816.7 | +34 |
| Industrial | 67.3 | 1,794.8 | 1,252.7 | +43 |
| Unclassified | 22.2 | 1,332.6 | 1,009.3 | +32 |
| U. S. Total | $322.2 | $12,082.6 | $9,125.4 | +32 |

NOTE: Minimum size projects included are: Waterworks and waterways, $44,000; other public works, $73,000; industrial buildings, $93,000; other buildings, $344,000.

### New capital for construction

(millions of dollars)

| | Week of Aug. 11 | Cumulative 32 Wks 1955 | % Chge '54-'55 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Corporate securities | $54.2 | $2,140.1 | +11 |
| State and municipal: | | | |
| All except housing | 32.6 | 2,669.1 | −23 |
| Housing | 7.7 | 70.9 | +1 |
| Federal loans | 1.9 | 83.1 | +7 |
| Federal aid | ... | 742.5 | +18 |
| Total nonfederal | 96.3 | 5,705.7 | −8 |
| Federal appropriations: | | | |
| In U. S. | ... | $516.1 | −54 |
| Outside U. S. | ... | 46.9 | +65 |
| Total new capital | $96.3 | $6,268.7 | −14 |

### ENR cost and volume indexes, 1955

| | | Base years = 100 1913 | 1926 | 1949 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Construction cost | 8/11 | 672.55 | 323.29 | 140.99 |
| | 7/28† | 672.24 | 323.15 | 140.92 |
| Building cost | 8/11 | 478.48 | 258.65 | 136.01 |
| | 7/28† | 478.03 | 258.41 | 135.89 |
| Volume | July | 699 | 284 | 202 |
| | June | 633 | 257 | 183 |

† Official monthly indexes for Aug.

# Labor Pools; Jobless Benefits

## Denial of unemployment benefits to pool members during strike raises question of meeting federal requirements

The question of whether a state unemployment compensation law can deny jobless benefits during a strike to members of labor pools—such as exist in the construction and maritime industries—is about to be tossed to the U. S. Secretary of Labor.

A three-day hearing has been held in San Francisco to determine whether California's unemployment compensation system conflicts with federal law, and findings will be turned over to Labor Secretary Mitchell for decision.

The hearings were called by the federal Labor Department after the state Court of Appeals decided a group of beached maritime workers were not entitled to jobless pay during the 1948 San Francisco waterfront strike. Few workers are directly involved, but the issues are deep.

• **Issues**—More significant than the basic state's rights issue—whether the Labor Department can overrule state courts—is the issue of financing strikes from state funds and the cost to employers of an adverse ruling from the Secretary of Labor.

In order for employers to get the federal unemployment tax credit, the Secretary of Labor must certify that the state law under which payments are made conforms to the federal law. Otherwise, until the law was amended to conform with the federal interpretation, the federal government might be able to collect the full tax without any resulting benefits to employes through the State Fund.

Core of the problem is this: Whether workers employed under a collective hiring system but temporarily out of work should be refused jobless benefits at the time of the strike. It applies particularly to such industries as maritime and construction, where employes are usually chosen from labor pools supplied by labor unions, and where workers rotate on jobs. Each assignment may be for a new employer although the work will be similar.

Under the law, strikers may not collect unemployment compensation, but jobless pay cannot be denied to workers who refuse to cross picket lines. This is the part of the law the state and federal governments interpret differently.

• **Genesis**—In the 1948 strikes, ship stewards and firemen, ashore awaiting assignment when the strike began, filed claims for unemployment pay, contending they were unemployed when the strike started.

The State Department of Employment was ready to pay when the shipowners protested. They cited the language of the state law—"an individual is not eligible for benefits . . . if he left his work because of a trade dispute." The key words are "his work."

A state referee agreed that each claimant, although unemployed at the time of the strike, was part of the rotational maritime labor pool, and therefore had left "his work" as much as had the men who were at sea when the strike started. He reversed the awards, and the State Appeals Board sustained him in denial of benefits.

The Department of Labor intervened with its "new work" doctrine, saying a jobless man doesn't have to accept "new work" offered to him if it is strike-breaking work.

Last February, the California Supreme Court, final avenue of appeal, denied the petition of the unions for review. That put the issue back where it started, and the Labor Department revived the conformity question and set this month's hearing.

No matter how the tug-of-war goes, no one seriously expects California's unemployment insurance system to die. If the Department of Labor refuses to reverse its stand after the hearing, the state could probably seek injunctive relief through the federal courts. Employers too, are considering whether they might seek redress in federal courts. They don't want to see the law amended in such a way that it would amount to an invitation to the unions to let the State Fund finance a strike.

## New Jersey Contractors Fight Higher Wage Costs

Contractors in New Jersey's Essex County got down to some brass tacks last week in a determined effort to hold the line on wages. They picketed one project and threatened to expel a member from their association.

The action of the Associated Contractors of Essex County came on the heels of a county-wide carpenters strike called on Monday to push demands for a two-year package wage increase in excess of 45 cents an hour.

Site of the picketing was Newark's old Center Market, now being renovated by a New York company, which has signed up independently with the carpenters. Typical of the picket signs carried by association members was one reading, "New York Owner Inflates Essex County Construction Costs."

Another breach occurred when association member Daniel J. Cronin, Inc. of Newark also went along with the carpenters. The result: A special meeting of the association this week to consider expelling Cronin from the association.

According to John Lowe, association president, county building costs are already higher than in most areas of the country and contractors are losing construction work. In an effort to stabilize costs, an April contract with bricklayers and laborers set the pattern of a 10-cent increase for a two-year period. That's what the contractors now offer the carpenters—except the termination date would be rolled back to April 30, 1957 to achieve uniformity among the trades.

Carpenters now get $3.50 an hour for a 7-hour day plus 3% for the welfare fund. They're asking 15 cents now and the same amount next August, 3% for a pension fund on Jan. 1 and another 1% for the welfare fund next August.

## Labor Briefs . . .

• **GAW spreads**—While negotiations continued with Allis-Chalmers and International Harvester, the UAW-CIO extended its Ford and General Motors GAW plan to Caterpillar Tractor Company and John Deere. The economic packages which the union won amount to 23 and 26 cents an hour.

• **Big boost**—Local 79 of the AFL painters union in Denver, Colo., won a 25-cent wage boost in a new one-year contract that ended a two-week strike. And AFL sheet metal workers in a three-county area of Ohio settled for a two-year contract granting a 32.5-cent increase.

• **Plants close**—For the first time in 12 years, fifteen iron and steel fabricating plants in Buffalo, N. Y., shut down when Ironworkers Local 576 struck for a 15-cent wage boost under the reopening clause of their contract.

# OFFICIAL PROPOSALS

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**SEND COPY TO:** Official Proposal Division, Engineering News-Record, 330 West 42nd Street, New York 36, N. Y.

Bids: August 25, 1955

## New York State Road Work

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS: STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, ALBANY, N. Y.,—Pursuant to the provisions of the Highway Law, and Article 2, Title 9 of the Public Authorities Law, sealed proposals will be received until ten-thirty o'clock A.M., advanced standard time, which is nine-thirty o'clock A.M., eastern standard time, on the 25th day of August 1955, by Henry A. Cohen, Director, Bureau of Contracts and Accounts, 14th Floor, The Governor Alfred E. Smith State Office Building, Albany, N. Y., for the following projects:

ONEIDA COUNTY

Lacy Ketchum, District Engineer, 109 No. Genesee St., Utica 1, N. Y.

| Contract No. | Type | Name of Highway and Miles | Deposit for Plans | Bid Deposit | Dept. Estimate |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| M.T. 55-9 | Grading, Drainage & Misc. Work | NYS Thruway-Mohawk Sect.-Sub. 7 & 8 (Westmoreland-Whitesboro-Utica West City Line) 1.37 Miles | $10 | $3,600 | $65,000 |

Maps, plans, specifications and proposal forms may be seen and obtained at the office of the State Department of Public Works, Bureau of Contracts and Accounts, Albany, N. Y., and at the office of the District Engineers noted above, and may also be seen at the office of the State Department of Public Works, 270 Broadway, New York City.

The deposit for Plans and Proposal Forms for each contract is indicated above. A refund will be made in full to bidders for return of one set, in good condition, within 30 days of award, or rejection of bids; refund for all other sets in good condition, similar period, will be 50% of deposit.

Special attention of bidders is called to "General Information for Bidders" in the proposal, specification, and contract agreement. Award of a contract is subject to priorities and allocations under the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended, and all regulations issued thereunder.

Proposal for each contract must be submitted in a separate sealed envelope with the name and number of the contract plainly endorsed on the outside of the envelope. Each proposal must be accompanied by draft or certified check payable to the order of the "State of New York, Commissioner of Taxation and Finance" for the sum as specified in the advertisement and the proposal. The retention and disposal of the bidding check, the execution of the contract and bonds shall conform to the provisions of the Highway Laws, as set forth in "Instructions to Bidders."

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

JOHN W. JOHNSON
SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS

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Bids: November 8, 1955

## Government of Iraq

DEVELOPMENT BOARD
AND
MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT
BAQUBA RAILWAY BRIDGE
CONTRACT B/9 (1955)

The Development Board and Ministry of Development invite tenders from experienced Civil Engineering Contractors for the construction of a three-span railway bridge with steel superstructure approximately 174 metres long and 10 metres wide over the River Diyala at Baquba, together with the construction of the approach embankments thereto.

The Contract Documents and Conditions as to tendering may be inspected on and after the 8th day of August 1955 at any of the following places:—

(a) The offices of the Directorate General of 2nd. Technical Section, Ministry of Development, Baghdad, Iraq.
(b) The Embassies and Legations of Iraq in Washington, Paris, Rome, Brussels, Bonn, Cairo, Karachi and New Delhi.
(c) The offices of Rendel, Palmer and Tritton, 125 Victoria Street, London, S.W.I., England.

Firms desiring to tender may obtain the two copies of the Contract Documents between the 8th day of August 1955 and the 8th day of October 1955 (both days inclusive) from Directorate General of Legal Affairs and Contracts, Ministry of Development in Baghdad, or the offices of Rendel, Palmer & Tritton in London upon payment of twenty five Iraqi Dinars or the equivalent thereof for each 2 sets of documents.

Tenders must be accompanied by a deposit of ID.10,000/—(Ten Thousand Iraqi Dinars) either in cash or by a letter of guarantee to be made by or through an approved Bank established in Iraq. Full detailed conditions as to this deposit may be ascertained from the "Conditions of Tender" attached to the Contract Documents.

Tenders must be submitted to the Development Board (Directorate General of Legal Affairs & Contracts, Ministry of Development), Baghdad, Iraq, in sealed envelopes endorsed clearly on the outside with the words "Tender for Baquba Railway Bridge" and will be received up to noon on the 8th day of November 1955.

A Memorandum of Capacity, Method of Procedure and Articles of Association must be submitted at the same time.

Particular attention is drawn to Clause 8 of the "Conditions of Tender" stating that tenders will be accepted only from firms or Contractors who have previously executed works of a similar character and magnitude.

Tenders not submitted within the time specified or not accompanied by a receipt of the deposit, or a letter of guarantee and the Certificate of Membership of a Chamber of Commerce (if the Tenderer resides in a Liwa in Iraq where a Chamber of Commerce exists) shall be neglected.

The Board does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

Minister of Development.

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Bids: September 13, 1955

## Power Authority of the State of New York
## St. Lawrence Power Project

ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS
FOR
THE CONSTRUCTION OF
LONG SAULT CANAL CONSTRUCTION POWER
SPECIFICATIONS NO. PA-5-14041
ST. LAWRENCE CONTRACT NO. 21

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS: The POWER AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK will receive sealed proposals for the construction of Long Sault Canal construction power near Massena, St. Lawrence County, New York, in the following ways:

(1) If brought in person on the day of receiving bids, until 10:30 A. M. Eastern Daylight Saving Time on the 13th day of September 1955, 270 Broadway, Hearing Room C, on the 6th Floor, New York, New York.

(2) If mailed in, until 10:15 A. M. Eastern Daylight Saving Time on the 13th day of September 1955, at the Authority's office, 270 Broadway, Room 1300, New York 7, New York.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud at the time and at the address given in (1) above.

The work includes the construction of approximately one mile of single circuit and 4½ miles of double circuit, 13.8 kv, wood pole transmission line. Completion of the work will be required on or before December 15, 1955.

Plans, Specifications and Proposal Forms for the work will be on file in the Authority's office and in the offices of the Engineer, Uhl, Hall & Rich, 230 Congress Street, Boston 10, Massachusetts, and the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario, 620 University Avenue, Toronto 2, Ontario, may be inspected by prospective bidders during office hours, and may be obtained from the Power Authority of the State of New York, 270 Broadway, Room 1300, New York 7, New York 7, New York upon application and prepayment of a fee of Ten ($10.00) dollars per initial set of contract documents and Five ($5.00) dollars per set for additional sets, no part of which will be refunded. Two sets must be returned with each bid. Each proposal must be accompanied by a draft or certified check payable to the order of the Power Authority of the State of New York for sum of $7500.00. Bids must be made in duplicate upon the proposal forms included in and bound with the Contract Documents.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

W. S. Chapin
GENERAL MANAGER

8/12/55

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Department of Public Works. NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS: Sealed proposals for State Highway and Bridge Construction (Southeast Expressway) in the City of BOSTON (Contract A, Freeport Street to Neponset Circle), will be received at Room 427, 100 Nashua Street, Boston, Mass., until 2:00 P.M. (DST) of Wednesday, September 7, 1955, and at that place and time publicly opened and read. Proposal guaranty: $100,000. Charge for plans and proposal forms: $40.00, amount returnable only to bidders. Complete information at said office; plans on display at District offices. Minimum wage and dump-truck rates have been established. Right reserved to waive any informality in or reject any or all proposals. An award will not be made to a Contractor who is not equipped to undertake and complete the work.

By: JOHN A. VOLPE,
Commissioner of Public Works.
August 6, 1955.

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Bids: September 1, 1955

## CONTRACT O & M - 329

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HOLLAND TUNNEL
CHEMICAL CLEANING OF STANDPIPE SYSTEM

Sealed proposals for furnishing all labor, material and equipment for cleaning approximately 17,000 feet of 6 inch water pipe in the Holland Tunnel will be received at the office of the Department of Purchase and Administrative Services, of The Port of New York Authority, Room 900, 111 Eighth Ave., New York 11, until 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, September 1, 1955, at which time and place said proposals will be publicly opened and read.

Contract documents may be obtained upon request at the office of the Director of Purchase and Administrative Services.

THE PORT OF NEW YORK AUTHORITY
Donald V. Lowe, Chairman
New York, August 18, 1955

## OFFICIAL PROPOSALS

Bids: September 13, 1955

### New Jersey Turnpike Authority

CONTRACTS NOS. N-31A, N-31B, N-31-C, N-31D and N-31E

Sealed proposals are invited for Contracts Nos. N-31A, N-31B, N-31C, N-31D and N-31E in connection with the utility building, toll islands and associated work for the Newark Airport Interchange on the Newark Bay-Hudson County Extension of the New Jersey Turnpike, as follows:

Contract No. N-31A—General Construction
Contract No. N-31B—Structural Steel and Miscellaneous Iron Work
Contract No. N-31C—Plumbing
Contract No. N-31D—Heating and Ventilation
Contract No. N-31E—Electrical

Proposals will be received at the New Jersey Turnpike Authority Administration Building, New Brunswick, New Jersey, until 11:00 O'clock, Eastern Daylight Saving Time, on the morning of September 13, 1955, at which time and place said proposal will be publicly opened and read.

Each bidder must submit with his proposal a Contractor's Financial and Equipment Statement.

Contract documents may be examined during office hours after August 16, 1955, at the office of the Authority, and at the office of the Consulting Architects, Lorimer and Rose, 254 West 54th Street, New York 19, New York. Contract documents will be furnished upon payment of Ten Dollars ($10.00) for each set, upon application to the Authority. Contract documents are not required to be returned and the payment will not be refunded.

NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE AUTHORITY
Paul L. Troast, Chairman

August 12, 1955

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Bids: September 1, 1955

### Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals will be received by the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, through the Chairman, 11 North Fourth Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, until 10:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, the 1st day of September 1955, and immediately thereafter will be taken to the Public Utility Commission's Hearing Room No. 1, North Office Building, State Capitol, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and publicly opened and read aloud for the following contract:

For the construction of structures and the grading, drainage, and paving of the Turnpike Section 37L, part of the Northeastern Extension of the Pennsylvania Turnpike in the City of Scranton and South Abington Township, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This section being situated as follows:

Beginning at a point approximately 813 lineal feet southwest of the center line intersection with existing Legislative Route 35013 at Turnpike Station 379+00 in the City of Scranton, Lackawanna County; thence in a northeasterly direction 23,917 lineal feet more or less through an equality to Turnpike Station 618+13 at a point approximately 383 lineal feet southwest of the center line intersection with U. S. Routes 6 and 11 in South Abington Township, Lackawanna County, a distance of approximately 4.53 miles.

The approximate quantities of the principal items are as follows:

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| Class 1 Excavation | 1,798,071 cu. yds. |
| Class 1A Excavation | 15,680 cu. yds. |
| Class 2 Excavation | 24,388 cu. yds. |
| Class 2A Excavation | 2,280 cu. yds. |
| Special Subgrade | 188,202 sq. yds. |
| Reinforced Concrete Pavement | 122,923 sq. yds. |
| Class A Concrete | 2,401 cu. yds. |
| Class B Concrete | 5,792 cu. yds. |
| Plain Steel Bars | 819,020 lbs. |
| Fabricated Structural Carbon Steel | 723,000 lbs. |
| Fabricated Structural Manganese Steel | 1,197,830 lbs. |
| Median Divider | 21,729 lin. ft. |
| Cast-in-place Concrete Piling | 3,953 lin. ft. |

Copies of plans, specifications and other contract documents, including cross-sections, are on file and open to public inspection at the office of the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission located at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on 12 August 1955. Plans, specifications, cross-sections and other contract documents will be available by this date for inspection or for mailing to prospective bidders. Copies of Specifications for grading, drainage, paving and structures may be purchased from the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission for the sum of five (5) dollars per copy. Copies of cross-sections may be purchased from the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission for the sum of fifty (50) dollars per set.

Plans and contract documents, for this section exclusive of cross-sections and the specifications, may be purchased from the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission for the sum of twenty (20) dollars for each set. No refund will be made for plans returned unless the project is withdrawn from letting by the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission.

Remittances are payable by check or P. O. money order to the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission and must accompany requests for drawings, specifications, contract documents, and cross-sections.

The character and amount of bid security to be furnished by the bidder is stated in the Instructions to Bidders.

The Commission reserves the right to waive any informalities in or to reject any or all bids.

No bids may be withdrawn for thirty (30) days after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids.

PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE COMMISSION
James F. Torrance
Secretary and Treasurer

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
3 August 1955

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Bids: October 11, 1955

### Wesley E. Seale Dam Project Near Corpus Christi, Texas

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids, in duplicate, will be received by the Lower Nueces River Water Supply District, at 211 Weber Building, Corpus Christi, Texas, until 1:30 P.M., C.S.T., Tuesday, October 11, 1955, and all bids will be publicly opened and read at 2:00 P.M., on that date, at the Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce Office, 1201 N. Shoreline Drive, Corpus Christi, Texas, for constructing the

WESLEY E. SEALE DAM PROJECT ON THE NUECES RIVER, FIVE MILES SOUTH OF MATHIS, TEXAS.

The project consists of two Ambursen type reinforced concrete slab-and-buttress spillways 60 feet high, approximately 1346 feet and 1560 feet long, respectively; three sections of rolled fill dam approximately 2200 feet, 500 feet, and 400 feet long, respectively; an outlet structure and appurtenant works; and a field office building. The following approximate quantities are required for the principal items:

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| Stripping | 75,000 cu. yds. |
| Core Trench Excavation | 46,000 cu. yds. |
| General Excavation | 146,000 cu. yds. |
| Trenching, and Finishing Excavation | 30,000 cu. yds. |
| Backfill | 14,000 cu. yds. |
| Embankments, Rolled Fill | 787,000 cu. yds. |
| Embankments, Unclassified | 110,000 cu. yds. |
| Topsoil | 4,000 cu. yds. |
| Reinforced Concrete in Foundation Floors, Mats, and Paving | 40,000 cu. yds. |
| Reinforced Concrete in Buttresses, Piers, Deck Slabs, Abutments and Structures | 47,000 cu. yds. |
| Gravel Fill | 31,000 cu. yds. |
| Riprap | 26,000 cu. yds. |
| Rockfill | 2,000 cu. yds. |
| Road Surfacing | 12,000 sq. yds. |
| Steel Sheet Piling | 5,650 tons |
| Reinforcing Steel | 5,910 tons |
| Automatic Steel Crest Gates 9' x 37' | 60 gates |
| Intake Tower, Complete with Valve & Sluice Gates | 1 complete |
| Field Office Building 26' x 50' x 8' | 1 complete |

The plans, specifications, and bidding documents may be secured from the office of the general Manager, Lower Nueces River Water Supply District, 211 Weber Building, Corpus Christi, Texas; or from Reagan & McCaughan, 320 Wilson Building, Corpus Christi, Texas; or from Ambursen Engineering Corporation, 295 Madison Avenue, New York 17, or 603 Rosalie Avenue, Houston 6, Texas. A deposit of $100.00 is required for each set of plans and specifications. Upon return of plans and specifications in good condition within fifteen days after date of bidding to the Lower Nueces River Water Supply District, 211 Weber Building, Corpus Christi, Texas, the full deposit will be refunded to bona fide bidders and 50% to non bidders.

Bids must be made on the standard proposal form, in duplicate, and must be accompanied by a bid security in a total amount not less than 5% of the total maximum bid price. Of this bid security, it is mandatory under the Texas laws governing the District that a sum equalling not less than 1% of the total amount of the bid must be in the form of a certified check payable to the order of the Lower Nueces River Water Supply District. The remainder of the security may be in the form of a certified check or, at the option of the bidder, a bidder's bond. The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or to accept any bid deemed advantageous to it.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within 45 days after the opening thereof.

The successful bidder will be required to be bonded to the District in a sum equal to 100% of the amount of his proposal.

The bidder is hereby notified that the specifications contain the general prevailing wage scale and the Contractor shall not pay less than the wage rates so shown.

Dated this 2nd day of August 1955.

LOWER NUECES RIVER WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT
GUY I. WARREN
President
CHARLES GALLAND
Secretary

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Bids: August 30, 1955

### New Jersey Turnpike Authority

CONTRACT NO. N-56

Proposals are invited for Contract No. N-56 which involves miscellaneous construction including grading, drainage, paving, removal of existing construction, modification and/or reconstruction of existing structures, new structures, and other incidental work, between Communipaw Avenue and Grand Street and between Third Street and Jersey Avenue, in Jersey City, Hudson County, all in connection with the construction of the Newark Bay-Hudson County Extension of the New Jersey Turnpike.

The principal items of work include:

Roadway Excavation ..... 3,100 Cu. Yds.
Borrow Excavation ..... 3,200 Cu. Yds.
Subsurface Structure Excavation ..... 5,400 Cu. Yds.
Storm Drain, Reinforced Concrete Pipe ..... 7,800 Lin. Ft.
Storm Drain, Cast Iron Pipe ..... 1,200 Lin. Ft.
Cast Iron Pipe Fittings ..... 30,000 Lbs.
Manholes, Inlets and Catch Basins ..... 142 Units
Bituminous Concrete Pavement ..... 7,700 Sq. Yds.
Reconstruction of Pylon and Sign Bridge ..... Lump Sum

Proposals will be received at the New Jersey Turnpike Authority Administration Building, New Brunswick, New Jersey, until 11:00 O'Clock, Eastern Daylight Saving Time on the morning of August 30, 1955, at which time and place said proposals will be publicly opened and read.

Each bidder must submit with his proposal a Contractor's Financial and Equipment Statement.

Contract documents may be examined during office hours after August 15, 1955, at the office of the Authority and at the office of the Consulting Engineers, Howard, Needles, Tammen & Bergendoff, 55 Liberty Street, New York 5, New York. Contract documents will be furnished upon payment of Ten Dollars ($10.00) for each set, upon application to the Authority. Contract documents are not required to be returned and the payment will not be refunded.

NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE AUTHORITY
Paul L. Troast, Chairman

August 11, 1955

## OFFICIAL PROPOSALS

Bids: September 1, 1955

### CONTRACT O & M - 325

ADVERTISEMENT
THE PORT OF NEW YORK AUTHORITY
PORT AUTHORITY GRAIN TERMINAL
COLUMBIA STREET PIER
REPAIRS TO UNDERSIDE OF
CONCRETE DECK

Sealed proposals for furnishing all labor, material and equipment for repairing the underside of the concrete deck of the Columbia Street Pier at the Port Authority Grain Terminal, Brooklyn, New York, will be received at the office of the Department of Purchase and Administrative Services of The Port of New York Authority, Room 900, 111 Eighth Ave., New York 11, until 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, September 1, 1955, at which time and place said proposals will be publicly opened and read.

Contract documents may be seen at the office of the Department of Purchase and Administrative Services, Room 900, and copies will be furnished upon deposit of $10.00 per set. Deposit must be delivered to Treasury Dept., Room 1001, where a receipt in duplicate will be issued. The duplicate copy of the receipt is then to be delivered to the Department of Purchase and Administrative Services, and you will be furnished with the contract documents. The deposit will be remitted if the documents are returned in good condition, not later than thirty days after the opening of Proposals. The deposit will be forfeited if the documents are not returned within thirty days.

THE PORT OF NEW YORK AUTHORITY
Donald V. Lowe, Chairman

New York, August 18, 1955

Bids: August 30, 1955

### CONTRACT O & M - 326

ADVERTISEMENT
THE PORT OF NEW YORK AUTHORITY
NEWARK AIRPORT
PAVING REPAIRS AND
DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

Sealed proposals for furnishing all labor, material and equipment for paving repairs and drainage improvements at Newark Airport will be received at the office of the Department of Purchase and Administrative Services of The Port of New York Authority, Room 900, 111 Eighth Ave., New York 11, until 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, August 30, 1955, at which time and place said proposals will be publicly opened and read.

Contract documents may be seen at the office of the Department of Purchase and Administrative Services, Room 900, and copies will be furnished upon deposit of $10.00 per set. Deposit must be delivered to Treasury Dept., Room 1001, where a receipt in duplicate will be issued. The duplicate copy of the receipt is then to be delivered to the Department of Purchase and Administrative Services, and you will be furnished with the contract documents. The deposit will be remitted if the documents are returned in good condition, not later than thirty days after the opening of Proposals. The deposit will be forfeited if the documents are not returned within thirty days.

THE PORT OF NEW YORK AUTHORITY
Donald V. Lowe, Chairman

New York, August 18, 1955

Bids: August 30, 1955

### State of New Jersey
### State Highway Department
### Trenton

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the State Highway Commissioner for:

RARITAN ROAD

Construction of Raritan Road from west of Central Avenue to west of Ruddy Street, Township of Clark, Union County, Federal Project No. S-197(1). Length 0.757 miles. The principal items of work are:

| Estimated: | |
|---|---|
| 915 | cu. yds. Roadway Excavation, Unclassified |
| 4,437 | sq. yds. 5" Macadam Base Course |
| 4,437 | sq. yds. 3" Mod. Pen. Macadam |
| 10,509 | gals. Bituminous Material |
| 2,255 | tons Bituminous Concrete |
| 1,937 | lin. ft. Drainage |

Bids for the above will be received at the office of the State Highway Department, in the CAFETERIA, State Highway Office Building, 1035 Parkway Avenue, Trenton, N. J., on Tuesday, August 30, 1955, at NINE o'clock (9:00 A.M.-EASTERN STANDARD TIME), TEN o'clock (10:00 A.M.-DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME), and will be opened and read immediately thereafter.

The receipt and opening of bids is subject to the proper qualification of the bidder in accordance with the provisions of the prequalification law and the regulations adopted by the State Highway Commissioner. Bidders must also submit a revised financial statement and statement of plan and equipment with their bid.

NOTE: The proposed project is a "Federal Aid Secondary Project" authorized by the provisions of Title 27 of the Revised Statutes of New Jersey and supplements and by P. L. 413, 82nd Congress, and is to be performed in accordance with the "Required Provisions-Federal Aid Contracts" of the Bureau of Public Roads, Department of Commerce, as outlined in the specifications. The attention of the bidders is directed to the special provisions covering subletting or assigning the contract. The minimum wage paid to all common labor employed on this contract shall be $0.75 per hour. The minimum wage paid to all intermediate grade of labor employed on this contract shall be $1.00 per hour. The minimum wage paid to all skilled labor employed on this contract shall be $1.50 per hour.

Drawings, specifications and form of bid, contract and bond for the proposed work are on file in the office of the State Highway Department, Trenton, N. J., and may be inspected by prospective bidders during office hours. Plans and supplementary specifications will be furnished upon payment of a fee of FIFTEEN DOLLARS ($15.00) for each set upon application to A. Lee Grover, Chief Clerk, State Highway Department, Room 139, State Highway Office Building, 1035 Parkway Avenue, Trenton, N. J., with a check drawn to the order of the State Highway Department. A charge of $5.00 will be made for supplementary specifications unaccompanied by construction plans. Bids must be made upon the standard proposal forms in the manner designated in the standard State Highway specifications and must be enclosed in sealed special addressed envelopes bearing the name and address of the bidder and work bid upon on the outside, and must be accompanied by the following documents: (1) a certified check drawn to the order of the Treasurer of the State of New Jersey for not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid, provided that the said certified check shall not be less than $500.00 nor more than $20,000.00; (2) a proposal bond for a sum of not less than fifty percent (50%) of the total price bid for the project; (3) a financial statement (Part 1 of the Prequalification Questionnaire); (4) a plan and equipment statement (Part 3 of the Prequalification Questionnaire); and (5) a Non-collusion Affidavit executed in duplicate; and must be delivered at the above place on or before the hour named. Copies of the standard proposal forms and special addressed envelopes will be furnished on application. Bids not enclosed in sealed special addressed envelopes will be considered informal and will not be opened. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

Signed:
STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
A. Lee Grover, Chief Clerk

Bids: August 23, 1955

### The Hydro-electric Power Commission of Ontario

ST. LAWRENCE POWER PROJECT
POWERHOUSE STRUCTURAL STEEL

SEALED TENDERS, in quadruplicate, addressed to the undersigned, 620 University Avenue, Toronto 2, Ontario and clearly marked
"TENDER FOR ST. LAWRENCE POWER PROJECT POWERHOUSE STRUCTURAL STEEL"
will be received up to 4:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time on
TUESDAY AUGUST 23, 1955
for the supply, fabrication and delivery of the structural steel required for the Ontario Hydro powerhouse.

Delivery of anchor bolts is required by May 1, 1956, all other material for the Erection Bay and Administration Building not later than September 1, 1956, and all other material for the Switchgear Structure not later than April 1, 1957.

Copies of the tendering documents may be obtained on or after August 5, 1955, at the office of the Director of Supply, 620 University Avenue, Toronto 2, Ontario, on payment of $25.00 for each set. This charge will not be refunded.

Tendering documents may be inspected at the above location and at the offices of the following: The Commission's Field Office, Cornwall, Ontario; Power Authority of the State of New York, 270 Broadway, New York 7, New York; and Uhl, Hall & Rich, 230 Congress Street, Boston 10, Massachusetts.

The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

E. B. EASSON
SECRETARY

Bids: October 3, 1955

### Construction of a Sewerage Treatment Plant

ADVERTISEMENT

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received for Section G in accordance with the law by the Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority until 3:00 o'clock P.M. on the third day of October, 1955, at the office of the Authority in Santurce, Puerto Rico, and will then be publicly opened and read.

The work comprises furnishing materials and performing the labor for the construction of the Puerto Nuevo Sewage Treatment Plant, a primary sewage treatment plant with an initial capacity of twenty-four (24) million gallons per day including influent sewer, influent junction chamber, screening chamber, main sewage pumping station, grit chamber, settling tanks, effluent chamber, outfall sewer, sludge pumping station, sludge digestion tanks and digester control building, non-potable water supply system, administration building, garage and shop, outside connecting piping, roadways and paths, grading, miscellaneous structures and appurtenances and the installation of screening, grit handling, settling tank, chlorinating and pumping equipment furnished by others.

Copies of the plans and specifications may be examined without charge at the office of the Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority, Santurce, Puerto Rico, or at the office of Buck, Seifert and Jost, Consulting Engineers, 223 Manuel V. Domenech Street, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico and 112 East 19th Street, New York 3, New York. Copies thereof may be obtained at the office of the Treasurer of the Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority, Stop 26-½, Fernandez Juncos Avenue, Santurce, Puerto Rico or at the office of Buck, Seifert and Jost, Consulting Engineers, 112 East 19th Street, New York 3, New York, upon deposit of cash or certified check payable to the Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority in the amount of One Hundred and Fifty ($150.00) Dollars, which sum will be refunded upon return of the plans and specifications in good condition within twenty (20) days after the date on which bids are received or else the entire deposit will be forfeited.

Bids will be received only from persons who have requested the plans and specifications and made the required deposit therefore under their own names. These documents cannot be obtained later than September 16, 1955.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond from a reliable surety company authorized to do business in Puerto Rico and satisfactory to the Authority in amount equal to five (5%) percent of the proposal. The certified checks will be retained to pay for any damage or loss to the Authority or the liability bond will accrue in case the successful bidder shall neglect or refuse to enter into a contract in accordance with his proposal.

The Authority reserves the right to consider bids for thirty (30) days after their receipt before awarding any contract and the right is reserved to waive any informalities, to accept any bid or to reject any or all of them.

PUERTO RICO AQUEDUCT AND
SEWER AUTHORITY
by RAFAEL V. URRUTIA
Executive Director

BUCK, SEIFERT AND JOST
Consulting Engineers

Bids: August 25, 1955

### New York State Road Works

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS: STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, ALBANY, N. Y.,—Pursuant to the provisions of the Highway Law, Public Buildings Law, and Article 2, Title 9 of the Public Authorities Law, and special provisions for projects financed with Federal Aid Funds, sealed proposals will be received until ten-thirty o'clock A.M., advanced standard time, which is nine-thirty o'clock A.M., eastern standard time, on the 25th day of August 1955, by Henry A. Cohen, Director, Bureau of Contracts and Accounts, 14th Floor, The Governor Alfred E. Smith State Office Building, Albany, N. Y., for the following projects:

(Continued on opposite page)

# New York State Road Works

| County | Contract No. | Name | Miles | Type | Deposit | Estimated Cost of Work |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| DISTRICT No. 1, N. F. Ronan, Acting District Engineer, 353 Broadway, Albany, N. Y. | | | | | | |
| Albany | FARC 55-55 | Altamont Village, S.H. 849<br>Dunnsville-Altamont, S.H. 1279<br>Proj. No. S427(2) | 0.96 | 9″ Cem. Conc. Pavt. 24′-38′ Wide. | $18,000<br>Plans $10 | $324,000 |
| Albany | T.C. 55-2 | Albany-Watervliet, S.H. 977<br>Loudonville-Menands, S.H. 1879<br>Troy-Menands Bridge and Approach, S.H. 9112 | 0.60 | Traffic Signal System | $1,300<br>Plans $10 | 23,000 |
| Saratoga | FASH 55-1 | Bemis Heights-Schuylerville<br>Proj. No. F391(10) | 9.61 | 9″ Cement Concrete Pavt. 24′ Wide=9.56 Mi.<br>Misc. Work=0.05 Mi.<br>Comp. I-Beam Bridge 332′ | $122,000<br>Plans $25 | $2,212,000 |
| Schenectady | ST 55-4 | New York State Thruway-Mohawk Section, Sub. 1-1<br>(Dahlia Road Extension) | 0.40 | Bit. Mac. Type 1 (Pen. Method) | $1,100<br>Plans $10 | 21,000 |
| Schenectady | M 55-2 | Lock 8, Erie Canal, Scotia | | New Upper and Lower Gates; Reconstruct a Lower Sill;<br>Plating of Portions of Walls | $9,000<br>Plans $10 | 161,044 |
| Washington | FARC 55-57 | Thomson-Ft. Edward, Pts. 1 & 2, S.H. 1685A<br>Proj. No. F391(11) | 8.93 | Asp Conc. Opt. | $45,000<br>Plans $50 | 976,000 |
| DISTRICT No. 2, Lacy Ketchum, District Engineer, 109 No. Genesee St., Utica, N. Y. | | | | | | |
| Oneida | FGRC 55-64<br>FARC 55-65<br>FASH 55-8 | Marcy Hill-Trenton, S.H. 931;<br>Trenton-Remsen, S.H. 1144;<br>Trenton-Prospect-Remsen, S.H. 5345;<br>Trenton By-Pass,<br>Proj. F-FG-752(5); S-281(3) | 5.61 | 9″ Cement Conc. Pavt. 2 @ 24′ Wide=3.69 Miles<br>Asp. Conc., Opt.=1.92 Miles<br>1 RR Sep. Plate Girder 78′<br>3 Brs. Comp. I-Beams 124′, 74′ and 175′<br>1 Br. R. C. Arch 40′<br>1 Hy. Sep. Comp. I-Beam 147.5′ | $180,000<br>Plans $50 | 3,268,000 |
| DISTRICT No. 3, Wm. Robinson, District Engineer, Weigh Lock Building, Syracuse, N. Y. | | | | | | |
| Cortland | FARC 55-58 | Blodgett Mills-Cortland, S.H. 881<br>Proh. F-481(6) | 0.18 | Asp. Conc., Opt.<br>R.C. Slab Br. Twin 35′ Spans | $7,000<br>Plans $10 | 120,000 |
| Oswego | FAC 55-15 | City of Oswego. East River Road and East First Street<br>Proj. U-583(6) | 2.17 | 9″ Cement Conc. Pavt. 24′-48′ Wide | $27,000<br>Plans $10 | $486,000 |
| Seneca | O.T. 55-8 | New York State Thruway-Ontario Section-Sub. 1<br>(Junius Pond Gas Station-Restaurant Site) | .... | Planting Trees, Shrubs and Vines | $110<br>Plans $10 | 2,000 |
| DISTRICT No. 4. B. F. Perry, Acting District Engineer, Barge Canal Terminal, Rochester, N. Y. | | | | | | |
| Monroe | FASS 55-1 | East River Road (County Road)<br>Proj. S-334(1) | 0.56 | Asp. Conc., Opt =0.53 Mi.<br>Misc. Work=0.03 Mi.<br>Comp. I-Beam Br. 146′ | $12,000<br>Plans $10 | 223,000 |
| Orleans | FARC 55-9 | Yates-Lyndonville-Ridgeway, S.H. 581<br>Proj. S-407(1) | 1.04 | Asp. Conc. Ty. 2A=1.00 Mi.<br>Misc. Work=0.04 Mile | $12,000<br>Plans $10 | 224,000 |
| Wyoming | FARC 55-54 | Alden-Cowlesville, Pt. 2, S.H. 9040<br>Bennington-Attica, Pt. 1, S.H. 9042<br>Proj. S-406(1) | 0.70 | Asp. Conc., Opt.=0.59 Mi.<br>Misc. Work=0.11 Mile<br>2 Conc. Box Brs. 27′ & 25′ | $17,000<br>Plans $10 | 286,000 |
| DISTRICT No. 5, E. G. H. Youngmann, District Engineer, 65 Court Street, Buffalo, N.Y. | | | | | | |
| Cattaraugus | FARC 55-69 | Ellicottville-Machias, Pt. 1, S.H. 9212<br>Proj. F-603(6) | 0.45 | Asp. Conc. Opt.=0.25 Mile<br>Misc. Work=0.20 Mile<br>2 Comp. I-Beam Brs. 66′ & 66′ | $13,000<br>Plans $10 | 232,000 |
| Chautauqua | E.T. 55-4<br>S.T. 55-6 | New York State Thruway-Erie Sect.-Subd. E-1B (Barden Rd. to Westfield) and 5 Marginal or Cross Roads | 5.32<br>(Acc.)<br>(1.94) | Two crse. Cement Conc. Pavt.=5.12 Mi.<br>Cement Conc. Pavt. Br.=0.12 Mi.<br>Bit. Mac. Ty. 1=1.44 Mi.<br>B.S.T. Graded Grav.=0.48 Mi.<br>Misc. Work=0.06 Mi.<br>4 Hy. Seps. Comp. I-Beams 338.2′, 275.5′, 364.5′ & 412.3′<br>1 R.C. Rig. Fr. Br. 62.8′<br>1 Comp. I-Beam Br. 430′ | $272,000<br>Plans $100 | 4,950,000 |
| Chautauqua | E.T. 55-5<br>S.T. 55-7 | New York State Thruway-Erie Sect.-Subd. E-2A (Westfield to West Forest Road); Westfield Interchange and 3 Secondary Cross Roads | 4.73<br>(Acc.)<br>(2.88) | Two Crse. Cem. Conc. Pavt.=6.32 Mi.<br>Cem. Conc. Pavt. Br.=0.13 Mi.<br>Asp. Conc. Ty. 2B=0.25 Mi.<br>Bit. Mac. Ty. 1=0.63 Mi.<br>Misc. Work=0.28 Mi.<br>5 Hy. Seps. Comp. I-Beams 249.8′, 254.3′, 257.4′, 192′ & 184.6′ | $215,000<br>Plans $100 | 3,925,000 |
| Erie | E.T. 55-3<br>S.T. 55-5 | New York State Thruway-Erie Sect.-Subd. E-7B (Shadagee Road and Eighteen Mile Creek Bridge and Approach); Shadagee Road, | 0.40 | Two Crse. Cem. Conc. Pavt.=0.17 Mi.<br>Cem. Conc. Pavt. Br.=0.12 Mi.<br>Asp. Conc. Opt.=0.11 Mi.<br>Deck Girder Br. 652′ NB and 630′ SB | $110,000<br>Plans $15 | 1,941,000 |
| Erie | E.T. 55-6<br>S.T. 55-8<br>R.C. 55-71 | New York StateThruway-Erie Sect. Subd. E-8A(Camp Road to Bayview Road); Camp Road Interchange; Athol Springs-Hamburg, S.H. 1067; Buffalo-Hamburg, S.H. 2, and 3 Secondary Cross Roads | 2.33<br>(Acc.)<br>(4.59) | Two Crse. Cem. Conc. Pavt.=5.52 Mi.<br>Cem. Conc. Pavt. Br.=0.25 Mi.<br>Asp. Conc. Opt.=0.99 Mi.<br>Misc. Work=0.16 Mi.<br>5 Hy. Seps. Comp. I-Beams 260.5′, 291.5′, 254.8′, 355.8′ and 158.7′ | $185,000<br>Plans $50 | 3,350,000 |
| Niagara | FARC 55-68<br>FASH 55-9 | McNalls-Alabama, Pt. 1, S.H. 9338<br>McNalls-Alabama, Pt. 1A,<br>Proj. S-457(1) | 3.88 | Asp. Conc., Opt.=3.85 Mi.<br>Misc. Work=0.03 Mi. | 21,000<br>Plans $15 | 380,000 |
| Niagara | FARC 55-61 | North Tonawanda-Sanborn, Pts. 1 & 2 S.H. 643<br>Proj. S-390(1) | 3.15 | Asp. Conc., Opt.=3.13 Mi.<br>Misc. Work 0.02 Mi.<br>Widening Exist'g. R.C. Slab Br. | $28,000<br>Plans $15 | 482,000 |
| Erie & Niagara | M 55-3 | Bush's Bridge E-243 East Robinson Street Extension | 0.40 | Asp. Conc. Opt.=0.21 Mi.<br>Misc. Work=0.19 Mi.<br>Plate Girder Br. 351′ | $26,000<br>Plans $25 | 472,400 |
| DISTRICT No. 6, J. H. Thomas, District Engineer, 30 West Main St., Hornell, N. Y. | | | | | | |
| Chemung | FASS 55-6 | Chemung-Van Etten, C.R. 3<br>Proj. S-86(3) | 1.71 | Bit. Double Surface Treatment<br>2 Comp. I-Beam Brs. 60′ & 60′ | $19,000<br>Plans $15 | 345,000 |
| Steuben & Yates | FARC 55-62 | Wayne-Keuka-Penn Yan, Pt. 1, S.H. 1779<br>Keuka-Penn Yan, Pts. 2 & 3, S.H. 8435, 8523<br>Proj. F-529(6) | 8.62 | Asp. Conc., Opt. I-Beam Br. 34′ (Widen) | $90,000<br>Plans $50 | 1,553,000 |
| Tioga | FASS 55-2 | Berkshire-East Berkshire, Co. Rd. 202<br>Proj. S-302(1) | 0.14 | F.C. Grav. Bit. D.S.T. Comp. I-Beam Br. 158′ | $7,500<br>Plans $10 | 136,000 |
| DISTRICT No. 7, R. W. Sweet, District Engineer, 444 Van Duzee St., Watertown, N. Y. | | | | | | |
| St. Lawrence | FARC 55-70 | Gouverneur-Edwards, Pts. 1 & 2 S.H. 1263-1389<br>Proj. S-441(1) | 3.96 | Asp. Conc., Opt.=3.74 Mi.<br>Misc. Work=0.22 Mi. | $40,000<br>Plans $25 | 727,000 |
| St. Lawrence | FASH 55-7<br>FARC 55-60 | Massena South Side Route, Pt. 2 (Contract 1)<br>Massena-Helena, Pt. 1, S.H. 1261<br>Proj. U-UG-580(9) | 5.02 | Asp. Conc., Opt.=5.00 Mi.<br>Misc. Work=0.02 Mi.<br>RR Sep. I-Beam 205.3′ | $90,000<br>Plans $25 | 1,651,000 |
| DISTRICT No. 8, J. S. Bixby, District Engineer, Pleasant Valley Road, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. | | | | | | |
| Orange | C.T. 55-9 | New York State Thruway-Catskill Section-Subd. 6<br>(Harriman Maint. Bldg. Site) | .... | Grading, Paving & Misc. Work | $2,500<br>Plans $10 | 44,000 |
| Orange | C.T. 55-10 | New York State Thruway-Catskill Section-Subd. 5<br>(Newburgh Maint. Bldg. Site) | .... | Grading, Paving & Misc. Work | $2,800<br>Plans $10 | 48,000 |
| Putnam | FARC 55-66<br>FGRC 55-67 | Brewster-Carmel, S.H. 909<br>Proj. F-FG-590(2) | 2.09 | 9″ Cem. Conc. Pavt. 24′ Wide=2.05 Mi.<br>Misc. Work=0.04 Mi.<br>Comp. I-Beam Br. 130′<br>RR. Sep. Comp. I-Beam 180′ | $60,000<br>Plans $15 | 1,112,000 |
| Rockland | FARC 55-56 | Suffern-Mt. Ivy, S.H. 1448<br>Proj. F-637(3) | 1.60 | 9″ Cem. Conc. Pavt. 24′ Wide=1.58 Mi.<br>Misc. Work=0.02 Mi. | $35,000<br>Plans $10 | 644,000 |
| Ulster | FASS 55-4 | Rosendale-Tillson, C.R. 113<br>Proj. S-423(1) | 0.08 | Asp. Conc., Opt.<br>Comp. Girder & R.C. Slab Br. 153.3′ | $15,000<br>Plans $10 | 275,000 |
| Westchester | H.T. 55-6 | New York State Thruway-Hudson Section-Subd. 10<br>(Ardsley Gas Station-Restaurant Site) (Type CM) | .... | Grading, Paving & Misc. Work | $9,000<br>Plans $10 | 156,000 |
| DISTRICT No. 9, F. W. Donovan, District Engineer, 71 Frederick St., Binghamton, N. Y. | | | | | | |
| Delaware, Otsego, & Schoharie | R.C. 55-59 | Br. No. 1 & Br. No. 2, S.H. 982; Br. No. 1, S.H. 5384; Br. No. 2, S.H. 239; Br. No. 1, S.H. 987-A; Br. No. 1, S.H. 5195; Br. No. 2, S.H. 8270; Br. No. 1, S.H. 1215; Br. No. 1, S.H. 5458 | .... | Cleaning & Painting 9 Bridges | $1,500<br>Plans $10 | 26,000 |
| Sullivan | R.C. 55-63 | Narrowsburg-Callicoon, Pt. 3, S.H. 8449<br>Callicoon-Long Eddy, Pt. 2, S.H. 8494 | 0.32 | Repair, Clean & Paint 2 Bridges | $2,500<br>Plans $10 | 46,000 |
| DISTRICT No. 10, M. E. Goul, District Engineer, Montuck Highway at Little East Neck Road, Babylon, L. I., N. Y. | | | | | | |
| Bronx | FACBE 55-1 | Cross Bronx Expressway Cont. 1C<br>(Anthony Ave.-Longfellow Ave.)<br>Proj. IN-1084(21) | 1.22 | Demolition of Buildings | $40,000<br>Plans $10 | 760,000 |
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## New York State Road Works

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Maps, plans, specifications and proposal forms may be seen and obtained at the office of the State Department of Public Works, Bureau of Contracts and Accounts, Albany, N. Y., and at the office of the District Engineers noted above, and may also be seen at the office of the State Department of Public Works, 270 Broadway, New York City.

The deposit for Plans and Proposal Forms for each contract is indicated above. A refund will be made in full to bidders for return of one set, in good condition, within 30 days of award, or rejection of bids; refund for all other sets in good condition, similar period, will be 50% of deposit.

Special attention of bidders is called to "General Information for Bidders" in the proposal, specification, and contract agreement, and to the special provisions apply to projects financed with federal funds. Award of a contract is subject to priorities and allocations under the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended, and all regulations issued thereunder.

Proposal for each contract must be submitted in a separate sealed envelope with the name and number of the contract plainly endorsed on the outside of the envelope. Each proposal must be accompanied by draft or certified check payable to the order of the "State of New York, Commissioner of Taxation and Finance" for the sum as specified in the advertisement and the proposal. The retention and disposal of the bidding check, the execution of the contract and bonds shall conform to the provisions of the Highway Laws, as set forth in "Instructions to Bidders."

When optional types are permitted on contracts with federal funds, bidders must state in the space provided in the proposal the exact designation of the optional type upon which the proposal is predicated.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

JOHN W. JOHNSON
SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS

Bids: September 7, 1955

## Harbor Construction Work for United States Naval Facilities at East Rota, Spain (Re-Advertisement for Bids)

Brown-Raymond-Walsh, Prime Contractors for the construction of United States Military Bases in Spain, will solicit bids for the second time on harbor construction work to be performed for United States Naval Facilities at East Rota, Spain. All the bids for this job received on 27 July 1955, have been rejected by the Officer In Charge of Construction and this notice constitutes a re-advertisement of the ROT-6 project.

It is expected that the scope of the work will include:

Harbor dredging of approximately 2,300,000 cubic meters.

Construction of breakwater and marginal wharf, comprising approximately 2,600,000 tons of rock and concrete.

Construction of a tanker unloading pier and trestle approach.

The core of the main breakwater will consist of quarry rock; the principal armor will consist of 16 and 25 ton tetrapods and natural stone; the marginal wharf will be gravity type requiring 50 ton precast concrete blocks.

Bids will again be considered only from Spanish-American combined enterprises each of which are composed of at least one established Spanish, construction company and at least one established American construction firm whose combined firms can meet the following conditions:

(a) They must furnish satisfactory evidence that they have completed similar projects recently. As a consideration of award, bidders will submit statements to the Prime Contractor showing the volume of similar work they have done in the past five years, by years, listing the amount of each contract, where constructed, the owner, size and time consumed in completing the projects.

(b) They must be able to supply from within their own organization experienced managerial and technical personnel.

(c) The successful combined enterprise will be required to complete the work within 30 months from the date they receive the notice to proceed.

(d) Certified financial statements will be required by the Prime Contractor as proof of the capability of the low bidder to finance mobilization of the job and all construction expense above current payments.

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The successful combined enterprise may sublet the work for dredging and related activities to an American or European subcontractor, provided that such secondary sub-contractor is first approved by Brown-Raymond-Walsh.

The combined enterprise will be required to furnish all equipment, material and supplies required to complete the work in accordance with the specifications. Such equipment, material and supplies, including those of any secondary sub-contractor will be allowed to enter Spain duty-free provided it is guaranteed that all items not consumed in the completion of the work will be removed from Spain upon completion of the project.

Payment for the work will be made in both pesetas and U. S. Dollars. For comparison of bid purposes only, the rate of exchange will be fixed at forty-three pesetas to one U. S. Dollar.

Sealed bids, endorsed "Bid for Rota Waterfront -ROT-6A" will be received until 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, 7 September, 1955, at the offices of Brown, Raymond-Walsh, Edificio Espana, Madrid, and at that time publicly opened.

Bids will be accompanied by a provisional bid bond in the form of a Bank Draft or Certified Check for not less than one hundred fifty thousand dollars ($150,000.00) or six million four hundred fifty thousand pesetas (6,450,000.00 pesetas) to guarantee that the successful bidder will execute the contract on receipt of the Notice of Award. Upon execution of the contract documents all provisional bid bonds will be returned. Bids must further be accompanied by a performance bond either in the form of a letter from an approved American Surety Company guaranteeing performance in the amount of five million dollars ($5,000,000.00) or as a guarantee from an acceptable Spanish bank in equivalent peseta amount.

Drawings, specifications and other bidding information may be obtained 15 August 1955, and thereafter upon application to the office of Brown-Raymond-Walsh in Madrid. Deposit of Certified Check, in the amount of two thousand pesetas (2000 pesetas) payable to the account of Brown-Raymond-Walsh will be required as security for the safe return of each set of the bidding data.

Bids: Sept 1, 1955

## New York State Road Work

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, ALBANY, N. Y.—Pursuant to the provisions of Highway Law, sealed proposals will be received until 10:30 A.M., Daylight Saving Time, on September 1, 1955 by Henry A. Cohen, Director, Bureau of Contracts and Accounts, 14th Floor, the Governor Alfred E. Smith State Office Building, Albany, N. Y. for:

SOIL EXPLORATION AND FOUNDATION INVESTIGATIONS AT VARIOUS SITES ON THE WANTAGH-OYSTER BAY EXPRESSWAY, NASSAU COUNTY, WHICH CONSTITUTES CONTRACT NO. SPEC. SM-78

Maps, plans and specifications may be examined and obtained at the following offices:

(a) Bureau of Contracts and Accounts, 14th Floor, The Governor Alfred E. Smith State Office Building, Albany 1, New York.

(b) Mr. M. E. Goul, District Engineer, 325 West Main Street, Babylon, Long Island, N. Y.

(c) Mr. Charles Schaefer, Department of Public Works, 270 Broadway, New York City.

The deposit for a est of plans, specifications and proposal forms is $5.00. A refund in full will be made to bidders for return of one set in good condition within 30 days of award or rejection of bids; refund for all other sets in good condition, similar period, will be 50% of deposit.

The Engineer's Estimate of cost for this work is $22,400.00.

Proposal for this contract must be submitted in a separate sealed envelope with the name of the contract plainly endorsed on the outside of the envelope. Propsal must be accompanied by draft or certified check, payable to the order of the "State of New York, Commissioner of Taxation and Finance" for the sum of $1,120.00. The retention and disposal of the bidding check, the execution of the contract and bonds shall conform to the provisions of the Highway Law, as set forth in "Instruction to Bidders".

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

J. W. JOHNSON
Superintendent of Public Works

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Bids: August 23, 1955

## The Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario

ST. LAWRENCE POWER PROJECT
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VILLAGE OF IROQUOIS

SEALED TENDERS in quadruplicate, addressed to the undersigned, 620 University Avenue, Toronto 2, Ontario, and clearly marked

"Tender for St. Lawrence Power Project, Elevated Steel Water Tank for Village of Iroquois" will be received up to 4.30 o'clock p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, on Tuesday, August 23, 1955 for the supply and erection of an elevated steel water tank of 208,000 imperial gallons capacity and 125 feet high for the new townsite of the Village of Iroquois, Ontario. The work is to be completed on or before April 1, 1956.

Copies of the tendering documents may be obtained on and after August 9, 1955, at the office of the Director of Supply, 620 University Avenue, Toronto 2, Ontario, on payment of $10.00 for each set. This charge will be refunded on the return within 14 days after the award of contract of each set of documents in good condition.

Tendering Documents may be inspected at the above location and at the offices of the following:

The Commission's Field Offices at Cornwall and Morrisburg, Ontario; Power Authority of the State of New York, 270 Broadway, New York 7, New York; and Uhl, Hall and Rich, 230 Congress Street, Boston 10, Massachusetts.

The successful tenderer will be required to furnish a performance bond in the form approved by the Commission, and issued by a bonding company licensed as such in the Province of Ontario and acceptable to the Commission, for one hundred percent (100%) of the total amount of its contract.

The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

E. B. EASSON,
Secretary.

Bids: September 1, 1955

## Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission

Administration Building
Morrisville, Pennsylvania

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed proposals will be received by the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission until eleven o'clock A. M., Eastern Standard Time, September 1, 1955, for all labor, material, tools and equipment required for painting parts of the steel superstructure, in general the trusses of the main span, of the toll bridge across the Delaware River between Easton, Pennsylvania-Phillipsburg, New Jersey.

Proposals must be submitted on the form furnished by the Commission, and each proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check in the amount of Two Thousand Dollars ($2,000.00) made payable to the "Treasurer of the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission", as a guarantee of good faith.

Specifications are on file at the offices of the Commission, in the Administration Building, Morrisville, Pennsylvania, and in the Administration Building, Phillipsburg, New Jersey, and can be obtained upon application.

All proposals shall be submitted in separate sealed envelopes, each marked "Proposal for Painting the Easton, Pennsylvania-Phillipsburg, New Jersey Bridge", and forwarded only to the office of the Comptroller of the Commission, in the Administration Building, Morrisville, Pennsylvania.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids; to waive any informality in the bids received; and to award the contract only to those experienced in the class of work and to the bidder (or bidders) whose proposal is deemed by the Commission to be most advantageous to the public interest.

DELAWARE RIVER JOINT
TOLL BRIDGE COMMISSION
By:
Doris S. Jones
Secretary of Commission

Date: July 29, 1955.

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## POSITIONS VACANT

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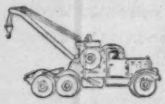

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## What Does "Cost-Plus" Cover?

A CONTRACTOR MAY NOT INCLUDE CHARGES for the use of his tools and equipment as part of the cost of a building that he is constructing under a contract setting his compensation at a percentage of "the entire cost of the building." Nor can he include a proportion of the salaries of his officers who supervised the work, nor part of his office overhead. That ruling was made last spring by a court in New Jersey, and reported in ENR April 14, p. 76.

Upon reading that news item, a top executive of one of the country's large construction firms wrote ENR asking for corroboration. "If tools are to be furnished out of the contractor's fee," he said, "where is the line to be drawn?"

To our surprise, we learn that this decision is in line with earlier decisions on the same subject in New Jersey as well as in some other states. In his book, "Legal Guide for Contractors, Architects and Engineers," I. Vernon Werbin cites several instances. In one of the earlier cases, a New Jersey court said that in the absence of a contrary agreement, when a contractor agrees to build he agrees to furnish all the tools and appliances needed to perform the work. It also ruled out inclusion of part of his overhead as a cost.

More recently, the Supreme Court of Wisconsin ruled that "use of equipment and tools, and general office expenses" are items of overhead that "cannot be charged as actual cost" (ENR Dec. 23, 1954, p. 38). The Wisconsin court went on to say that to permit inclusion of such overhead items as interest charges on performance bonds, depreciation, taxes and the general office expenses "would open the doors to a flood of obligations not intended by the innocent words in a contract such as the one before us."

If a decision such as the latest one in New Jersey had been made in only one local court it would not be unreasonable to expect that other courts might make rulings more in harmony with what engineers and contractors consider to be legitimate elements of the cost of a building. But it is more logical to assume that the reasoning of the New Jersey and Wisconsin courts will be widely accepted by other courts.

The significance of this for contractors appears to lie in that qualifying phrase, "In the absence of a contrary agreement," used by the judge who wrote one of the New Jersey decisions. A contractor who becomes a party to a cost-plus contract can keep unfavorable decisions of this kind from affecting his pocketbook by seeing that the contract states specifically that reasonable compensation for the use of his tools and equipment is to be considered part of the cost on which his fee is figured. Similarly, the contract also should state what part, if any, of his overhead costs can be charged against the project. In the absence of evidence in the contract that the parties have specifically agreed on these matters, the courts can be expected to follow the precedent set in those states where the rule against including such items prevails.

## Road Financing Study Needed

THE CONFERENCE OF STATE GOVERNORS, meeting last week in Chicago, quite properly placed first on its program a discussion of Congress' failure to pass a highway bill. The discussion, however, was pretty fruitless because the governors could come no closer to agreement on how to finance the necessary roads than Congress did. In fact, so many divergent plans were suggested that a later proposal for a special session of Congress devoted to enacting a highway bill lost any logic that it might otherwise have had.

What is needed is not more off-the-cuff financing ideas, which a special session of Congress now would be sure to produce, but a carefully detailed and documented financing study that Congress could use with confidence in drafting a sound highway bill.

There are a good many financing paths available, and each of them deserves more objective study than it has yet received. Basically, however, all financing methods are a variant of two ways of raising money—by bonds or by pay-as-you-go taxes, and it is on these that a study should focus. For example, the use of bonds requires the payment of interest, which has been criticized as an added, unnecessary cost. The study could investigate this point by an analysis of the amount of increased revenue a quickly built road system financed by bonds would create over a system that would not be equally available for use for a much longer time. It could also investigate the long-term trend of construction costs to determine how much cheaper, if any, roads built now would be over roads built over a period extending far into the future.

Pay-as-you-go possibilities are deserving of equally careful exploration. There was the feeling that the defeated Fallon Bill put an unfair tax burden on heavy trucks, yet figures to support this charge are lacking. Equally lacking are facts on how much of the needed highway program could be carried by road-user taxes that are now diverted to other purposes.

In the six months before Congress meets again there is ample time for such a study to be completed, thus giving Congress some really sound facts to work on in drafting a sound highway bill—and to bolster its courage in enacting the bill into law. The one agency that could best make this study is the Bureau of Public Roads. And it could probably find the necessary funds in its research budget or get them from the Executive or Commerce Departments. In one way or another, it seems essential that a road financing study be undertaken this year.

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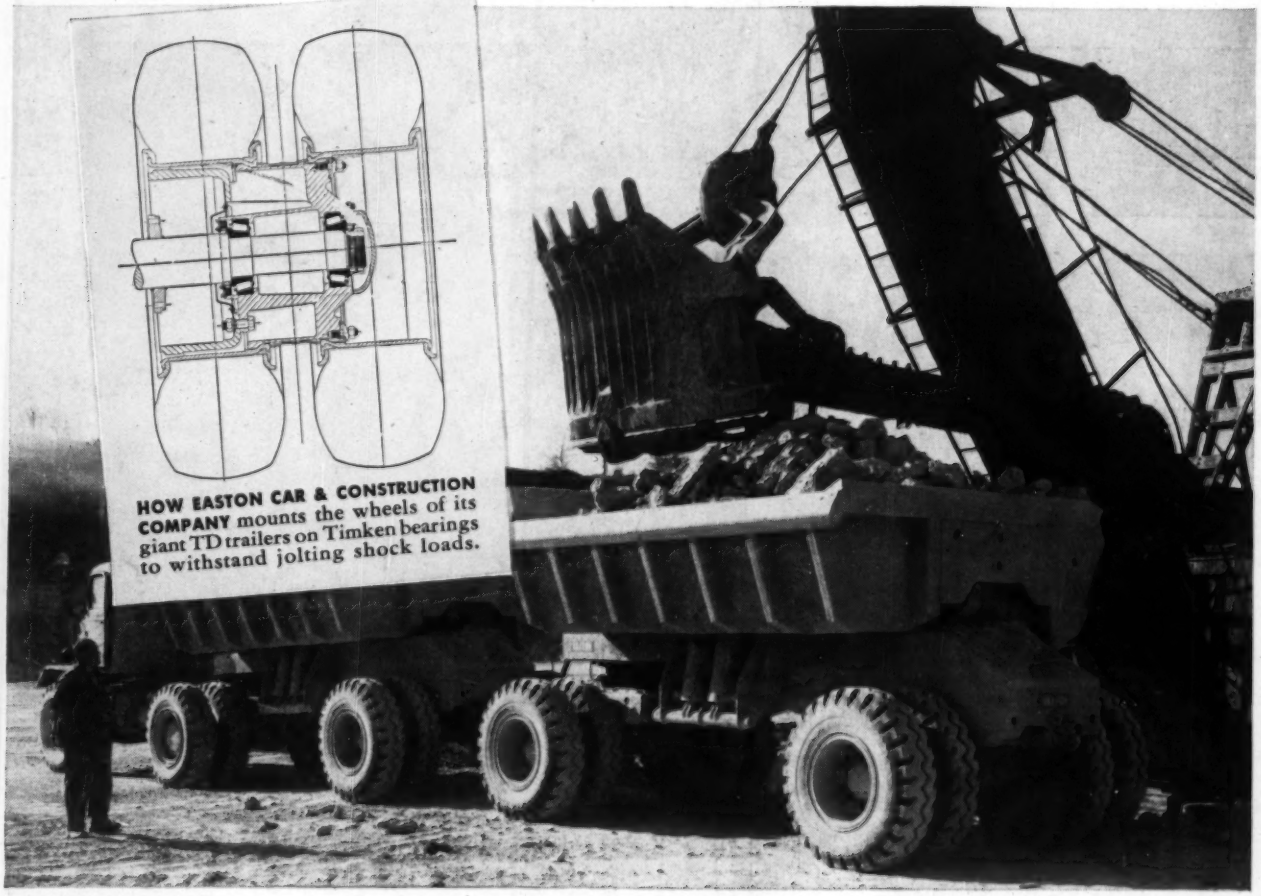

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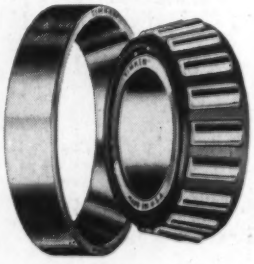

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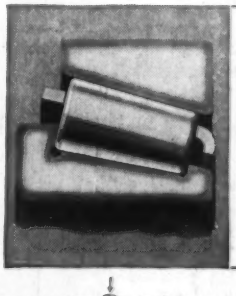

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